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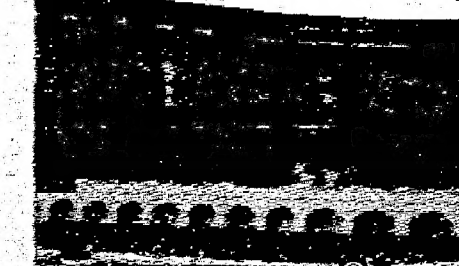
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TEAMING UP

Pirates, Trib team up



The Pittsburgh Pirates and Trib Total Media have teamed up for a three-year partnership. For a list of events that are on deck, as well as a complete 2006 schedule, see Pages 9-10.

LEND A PAW

Our series continues with an introduction to two local pooches who are taking training to become pet therapy dogs to help veterans and the elderly. See Page 3.

SPORTS



First-year coaches at QV and SA kicked off the girls' basketball season this week. Check out our team previews for both schools. See Page 35.

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HOLIDAY HUG



SANTA CLAUS works so hard all year through to grant the wishes of every good little boy and girl. Taylor Retzlaff's hug on Saturday made it all worth while. Taylor, 2, lives in Sewickley. Santa will be in Wolcott Park every Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Photos of Sewickley's Santa parade are on Pages 22, 23.

Photo by Tim Edmonson

SEWICKLEY HILLS

Council raises property taxes a half mill

By Laura Hallemann

Staff writer

Sewickley Hills council has approved a 2006 preliminary budget of \$383,411 that would raise property taxes to 1.35 mills, up a half mill from last year.

"It was a difficult decision, but council has always been very cautious of how money is spent and nobody wanted to see taxes raised," said Diane Thomas, borough administrator.

Thomas said there are several reasons for the tax increase.

The borough contracts with Ohio Township police and fire departments to cover Sewickley Hills, and the five-year police contract is slated for renewal.

Cost of the police contract for the borough is \$66,000 per year and for the fire department, \$28,000. The police contract is one of the largest expenditures for the borough, said Thomas.

"Ultimately it is better for our residents

to work with Ohio Township," said Thomas. "They have been tremendous to us."

Also, council had been anticipating the real estate and earned income tax it would garner from the new construction of 268 town homes and condominiums to be built in the borough.

Changes to the project, however, pushed the date of completion back.

The new residential development,

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SPOTLIGHT

Montgomery & Zeke: Dogs on a medical mission

By Kate Canon

Staff writer

While most people buy or adopt pets solely for the comfort they provide their owners, dog lover Gerry Pivar not only gets comfort from her three dogs, she's attempting to bring more joy to others by training her two German Shepherds and small Corgi in a very unique way.



Fourteen-year-old Flash was trained at Misty Pines Dog Park almost a decade ago and now 2-year-old Zeke and 18-month-old Montgomery have begun their intense training to become therapy dogs.

While the Sewickley resident loves her dogs, she is the first to realize they need the proper training, because no matter how good a dog may seem, terrible things can happen if they're not kept under control.

"Dogs are weapons, even little ones," Pivar says. "If they're not bred and trained properly, it can be a bad thing."

When under control, a dog can go beyond being the ordinary pet.

Zeke is enrolled in private lessons and is responding very favorably to his training. Pivar has high expectations for him to go beyond the regular household animal.

Her goal is to train Zeke enough to become a therapy dog in the next few years.

Therapy dogs are used for various purposes, usually in hospitalization or therapy settings to improve one's outlook and behavior.

Pivar is hoping she'll be able to take Zeke to veterans' hospitals to cheer up the men and women coming back from the war, or those who have served in other wars.

"I think these young men and older

men have done so much for our country. If I can do anything for them, I would," she says.

"I'm so proud of these young men in Iraq and I really admire these people. When they come back, sometimes they have great problems and I think dogs are a wonderful therapy. You wake up in the morning and they make you smile."

Pivar also would like to take Zeke to nursing homes to cheer up the elderly.

"They're the forgotten generation, and dogs make older people feel so much better."

When Pivar takes Zeke to his lessons, she doesn't drop him off and come back later; she watches owner/trainer Jeff Woods discipline the dogs and will learn from him how to use the same techniques at home.

At Zeke's sessions, Woods starts out with commands the dog already

knows, such as "sit" and "stay."

After awhile, Pivar will leave the building and talk with other people, all the while, looking down at Zeke to see if he's moving.

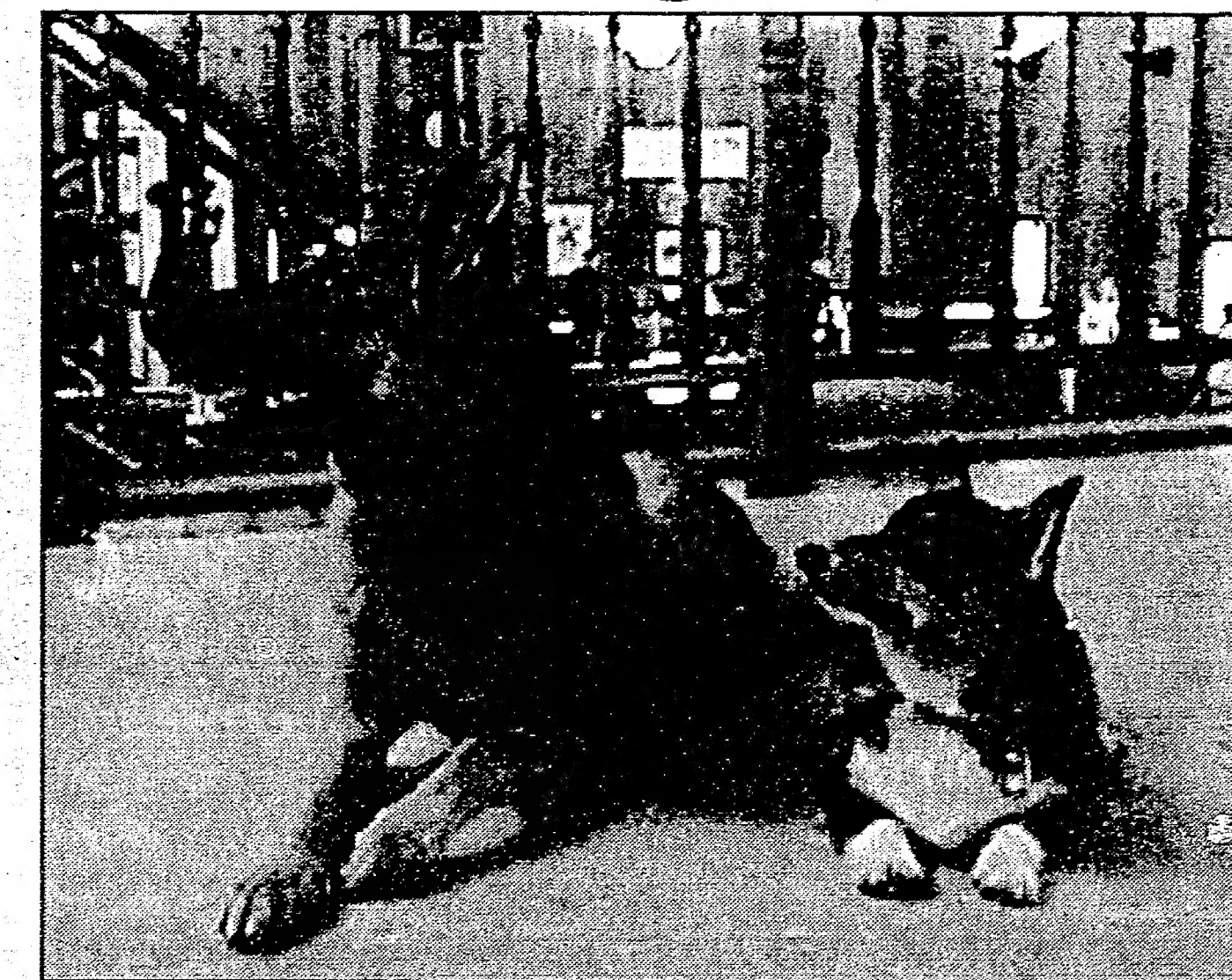
Zeke's gotten to the point where he can be surrounded by people and excited dogs, but won't move.

He'll sit patiently, waiting for his owner to return, which is crucial behavior for dogs who will eventually be exposed to strangers.

As much as Zeke is progressing at the training center and at Pivar's Sewickley home, she's not having nearly the same luck with Montgomery.

"He has little dog syndrome," she jokes wryly. "We don't know if he'll ever graduate."

Because Corgis are stubborn by nature, Pivar has a more difficult time handling him but says he is progressing in his training, even if it's not at as



ZEKE AND Montgomery may have a few more lessons before passing their pet therapy tests to be admitted to hospitals and nursing homes, but owner Gerry Pivar has high hopes.

Pets and People: The Benefits of Pet Therapy

Even the loneliest people aren't alone with pets by their sides. There are many documented studies that confirm the positive role that a pet can play in a person's quality of life — especially those who are elderly or alone.

Pet Therapy improves the quality of one's physical and emotional well-being.

Animal Friends believes in the strong bond between pets and humans, citing some therapeutic benefits as lower blood pressure, reduced stress, decreased anxiety and depression, and lowered feelings of loneliness.

These health benefits can result from something as simple as feeling the steady beat of a pet's warm heart, feeling the surprise of a cold, wet nose bumping into a hand or simply running a hand through a pet's soft fur.

from Animal Friends' Web site

fast of a pace.

"Sometimes he'll do what he's supposed to and other times he won't," she explains. "He's a very smart little guy."

Montgomery is easier to deal with at the trainer's and interacts with Woods well, usually following his commands.

With Woods' extensive training, he's very precise in his methods and when a mistake is made, he corrects it immediately — something Pivar is still working on at home.

Despite the difficulties she sometimes faces with Montgomery, she still has high hopes for him.

"I think Montgomery will make a wonderful therapy dog someday," she says.

"He's a funny-looking dog and he makes you laugh. He's a gentle dog and we're going to take it one day at a time."

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SEWICKLEY HILLS

New housing starts will help fill borough coffers

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known as The Village at Sewickley Hills, underwent a design change and construction did not start last year as planned.

Instead, it has recently begun and Thomas said she anticipates building permits to be issued in January and the housing units to begin selling by July.

"When the development does come through, we will start getting that tax income," she said.

The borough is also putting finishing touches on the newly renovated Sewickley Hills borough/recreational building.

Paid for with a \$70,000 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) matching grant that

includes a new community park adjacent to the facility, Thomas said carpet and flooring have now been installed and there are only a few minor decorative touches to complete.

"Our hope is that, once we get this done, the building can hold 50 to 60 people and we can offer it to the public to hold gatherings and other governmental agencies to hold meetings and generate revenue from that," said Thomas.

Previously, Sewickley Hills had to rent out the Fairhill Recreation Association to hold their council meetings, but now they are able to hold their meetings at the new borough/recreational building located at 349 Magee Road.

Council meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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Deadline nears for flood relief project

By Laura Helleman
Staff writer

UPDATE

It's been more than a year since remnants of Hurricane Ivan swept through the region, causing major flooding and destroying homes in September 2004.

The physical destruction of the flooding last year was immediately apparent. What was not, however, was the emotional toll it took on the victims.

Enter Project Renew, a program implemented by the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, which strives to aid those through the emotional recovery process of losing part of or their entire home.

Lucille Underwood, project renew assistant project director, explains the process.

"We have been going door to door to reach residents who experienced flooding, and it is remarkable that some people had still not contacted FEMA because they felt they weren't hit as bad as their neighbors and didn't want to take anything away from someone else," says Underwood.

"Therefore, many people had taken out loans." Underwood and others from Project Renew have visited hard hit communities in Allegheny County including Bell Acres, Fair Oaks, Glenfield and Leet Township.

When going to a home, the objective is to provide the homeowner or tenant with coping strategies after a disaster, referral numbers to call and connecting the elderly with agencies to assist them.

Underwood said they have found that some residents had not talked about what they have gone through.

She added that many people were so busy in the aftermath of the flooding, taking care of their immediate needs of food and shelter that underlying emotions do not surface until later.

These may include nightmares, sadness, depression, anxiety, anger, guilt, work, school and family problems, and insomnia.

Children may react through a variety of emotional responses. These can include crying, bedwetting, fighting or aggression, withdrawal, not wanting to attend school and an increase in physical complaints.

Underwood said any of these emotions are a normal reaction to a traumatic experience.

Parents should offer extra reassurance, talking about what happened and spending extra time with the child at bedtime, reading or just letting them know you are there for them.

Project Renew offers strategies to combat post-disaster emotions. Underwood suggests talking and sharing experiences with neighbors and others, preparing for possible future emergencies to help ease feelings of helplessness and to gain peace of mind.

The project also provides literature to residents on mold and how to treat their homes or businesses that may have been susceptible to mold, as well as how mold can affect a person's physical health.

"When the heaters come on, if they haven't cleaned the house properly, we're still having people with a lot of respiratory problems," says Underwood. "Many of the homes that were flooded are older and have hot water heat which gives any mold the moisture it needs to grow."

Although the door-to-door program will wrap up on Dec. 22, Underwood says those residents who are still in need of mental health assistance or need referrals regarding their homes can call 412-350-4457.

When calling, stipulate that you are a flood victim.

"To date there have been 8,000 people who have had some type of flooding and we are still getting calls from outlying areas."

THE GIFT OF LIFE



LEN WANCHOCK poses with his sister, Nance Jones and niece, Katherine Jones of Naples, Fla., at his first photography exhibit at Sweetwater Center for the Arts.

Photo submitted

Cancer survivor finds niche in art

By Laura Helleman

Staff writer

There is an air about Len Wanchock.

Upon meeting him the first impression is one of a lighthearted man without a care in the world. He is full of a zest for life that is lacking in many. After talking, it becomes apparent that Len is who he is because of a culmination of events over the past five years.

The year was 1999, and Len was wrapped up in his work, busy with the day-to-day operations of the Edward J. Wanchock Co., a contracting business named after his father who started it in the late 1950s in Sewickley.

"My father was one of the original contractors in the Sewickley area and worked for a lot of steel people who headed to Sewickley to escape the heat and dirt of the city in the summertime.

"Eventually, people started to buy and live here year round, and the business just flourished," says Len.

Len, a Sewickley resident, didn't start working for his father's company until the mid-1980s.

After going to East Kentucky University for a year on a swimming scholarship and earning a bachelor's degree in Architecture from Kent State University, he eventually

came back to Sewickley to work for his father's firm as a design architect.

But on Dec. 21, 1999, his world changed forever.

While at work, Len had a grand mal seizure and was rushed to Sewickley Valley Hospital. A cat scan was immediately performed and the finding was grim.

Len was told he had a very large, aggressive cancerous tumor on his brain, and it did not look good.

"Dr. Narayan, a great friend of our family, said the tumor had gotten so large that it was putting pressure on my brain. He said he would be waiting for me at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh to operate."

From there things happened quickly. Len found himself ready to go into surgery two days later.

"I can remember Dr. Narayan holding my hand and telling me not to worry, that it would be OK. Now, looking back, I realized he never told me I was going to survive."

With his family at his side, Len was wheeled into surgery to have the tumor removed.

Meanwhile, his three children, Sara, Elizabeth and Luke, who are now 23, 21 and 14, respectively, along with his girlfriend, JoAnn, literally plastered the walls of his

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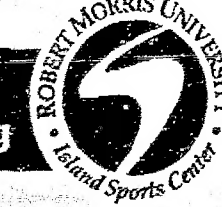
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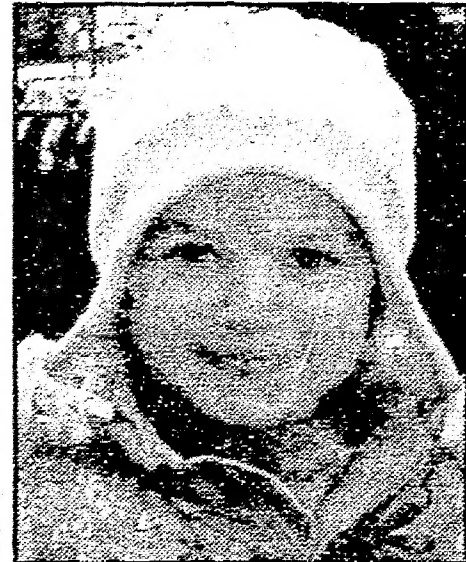
OPINION

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After visiting with Santa in Wolcott Park: What do you want for Christmas?



SEBASTIAN PORREA
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"... Legos and trucks and cars for my little baby brother."



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"... a drum set and a Batman car that people drive."



See how to connect with your neighbors via Letters to the Editor on Page 7.

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EDITORIAL

Home improvements start at Youth Connect

By Dona S. Dreeland
Editor

Good parents and good children aren't born.

Rather, they're instructed and influenced, loved and nurtured into their very best selves.

Becoming "good" at either end of the family spectrum takes some work.

Fortunately for families in the Sewickley Valley, there's considerable help available before or after problems arise within the home.

Youth Connect, sponsored by our local schools, Sewickley Ministerium, The Presbyterian Church of Sewickley, Sewickley Valley YMCA, AAUW of Coraopolis-Sewickley, Sewickley Public Library and The Northern Alliance Against Highly Addictive Behaviors, is an information source.

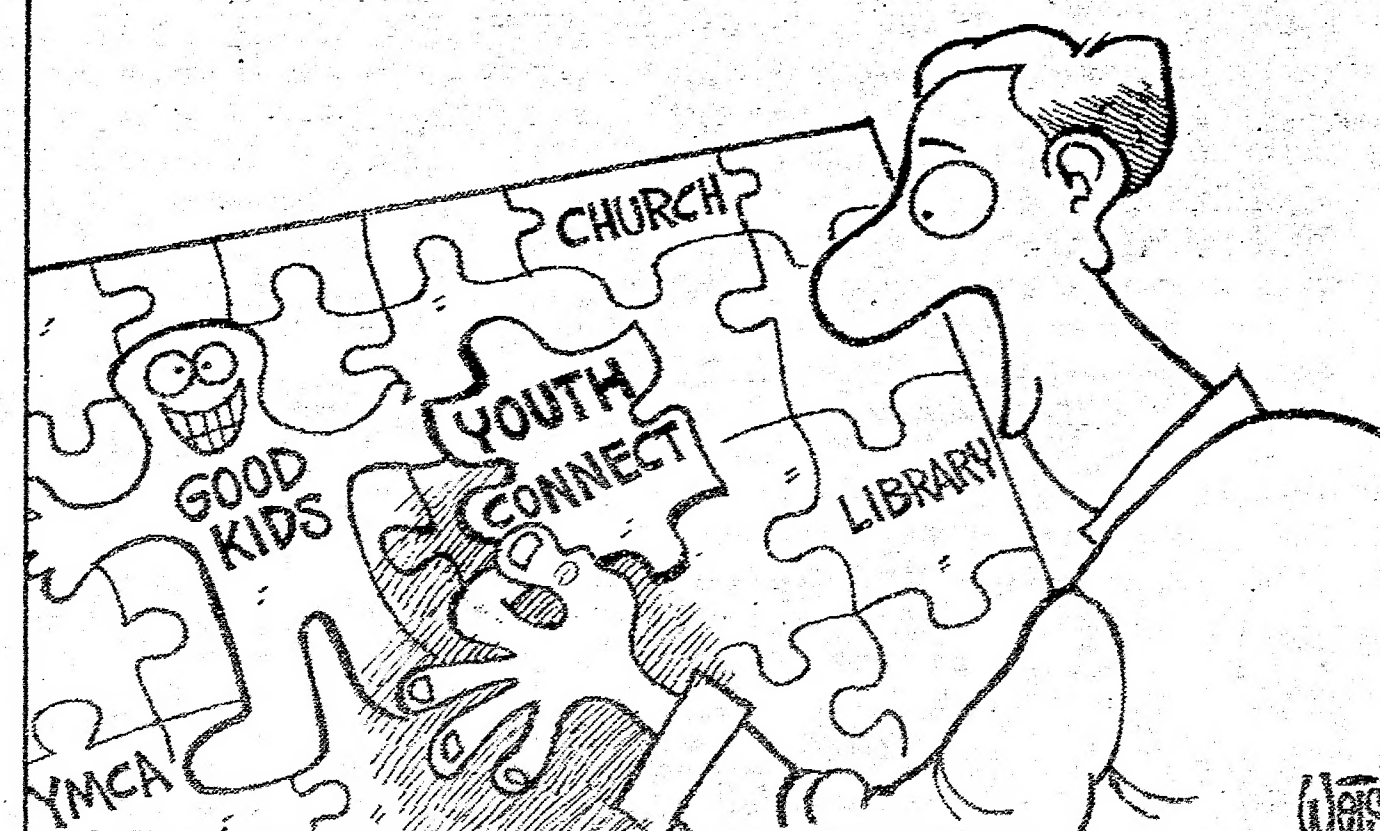
Its monthly meetings can be the first step for folks to find assistance for dealing with the difficulties of raising sons and daughters in these complicated times.

The group focuses on maintaining connections with our youth.

While teachers, coaches, ministers are the first line of support when home relationships sour, neighbors, family friends, organization leaders, health-care professionals or merchants — any adult who has sustained contact with children — has an influence.

Youth Connect leaders hope to share knowledge that will build relationships and help our teens avoid

CONNECTING THE PIECES...



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Youth Connect seeks to "build the children's strengths, resilience and skills needed to thrive as adults," as the literature states.

There are dangers inside our homes

— the television, the Internet and our own bad habits. And their are fearful things outside our front doors — predatory strangers, bad influences, peer pressures.

These and other temptations can easily take our children from us, permanently, but not if we stay connected.

For more information about Youth Connect, call Alan Carson, guidance counselor at Quaker Valley Middle School, at 412-749-5098.

(For a list of the upcoming meeting dates and their topics, see Page 26.)

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OPINION

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Shopping Sewickley keeps quality of life here vibrant

Dear Editor:

Six and a half years ago, I crossed the Ohio River for the first time and fell in love.

It was June 1999 and my husband had just accepted a teaching position in Pittsburgh. We'd flown in for a few days of house-hunting and Sewickley was our first stop.

We'd done our homework. We'd insisted on a community with excellent schools.

And we wanted a walkable town, where our children could run to a friend's house, and we could stroll to the library.

But as we rode up Broad Street into the heart of the Village, I was sold. It was that vibrant mix of family businesses — shops, restaurants, groceries and the like — that convinced me Sewickley would be our new home.

We've never regretted our decision to move here. Like many area residents, we're hooked on that small town quality of life anchored by our town center.

But this has been a hard year for our local businesses. The closure of Broad Street last summer and early fall took a big toll on profits as shoppers went elsewhere.

And many merchants have told me that business has remained sluggish even after the street reopened.

There are rumors that sev-



eral shops, no longer able to stay afloat, will be closing after the holidays, probably to be replaced by yet more national chain stores.

So, I've decided to make an extra effort to shop locally this holiday season.

I won't pretend that I won't set foot in a mall. But I'll be shopping here first, even if it costs a few more dollars, because you can't put a price tag on small town quality of life.

And once it's gone, you can't buy it back at any price.

Joan Miles
Sewickley Borough

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Santa says: 'Merry Christmas' to all

Dear Editor,

"Rudolph, Donner, Blitzen, everyone quiet down. Santa has a few words to say.

"Well, team, I gathered you together to tell you there will be some changes this Christmas. We have lost a large segment of one of our largest customers.

"Many of our distribution centers in the United States have dropped our Christmas theme and changed it to Holiday in the hopes of making more money. Many thousands have embraced this concept and celebrate Dec. 25 as a gift exchange.

"As you all know, our employer gave us the awesome power to travel the world, giving gifts and spreading his love to celebrate the birth of his son in Bethlehem.

"Also, Rudolph, make a note, laws have been passed that mean we can not land on any government property, including public schools. Sadly, millions of children in the public schools will not share the weeks of joy that lead up to Christmas day.

"Although most countries gladly and joyfully accept us, we will note when we do fly over the United States, the government buildings, including courthouses, will be dark, cold and lifeless, demonstrating how life is without the spirit of Christmas.

"But when we fly over cities, towns and hamlets all over this country, our flight is illuminated by the brilliance of tens of thousands of

churches whose people with one voice will proclaim the birth of Jesus in song in the words of "Silent Night," "The First Noel" and other Christian hymns.

"Finally, it is my hope that everyone hears and accepts the words I proclaim at each house, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night!"

Merry Christmas,
Dan Reeping



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- A sore that doesn't heal or bleeds easily.
- A white or red patch anywhere in the mouth.
- A change in color to the tissue in your mouth.
- Trouble swallowing, speaking, chewing, or moving the jaw or tongue.
- Any sort of lump or thickening in the cheek or tongue.

If you notice any of these warning signs, contact your dentist immediately for a professional assessment. In addition, the risk of developing oral cancer increases with the rate of alcohol consumption. And the likelihood of developing oral cancer is far greater for people who smoke and drink than it is for those who use either alcohol or tobacco alone. Talk to your dentist about ways to reduce your risk for oral cancer.

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THE 2005 Yuletide Princesses and Princes (from left) Zoe Stanley, Sophia and Julia Poppenberg, Kristopher Wright, Joey Straka and Addison Gould closed their eyes and wished for the 80,000 twinkle lights to shine on Friday — thereby kicking off Sewickley's holiday celebration.

**Photography is more than hobby for Wanchock**

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THE GIFT OF LIFE

hospital room with photographs of everyone and everything dear to Len.

"My son can tell you we broke every rule in that hospital," Len recalls, laughing.

After the surgery, an oncologist told Len he had six months to a year to live.

"I thought to myself, 'You have a choice. You can say I'm not going to fight and give in or let it go into the hands of God.'"

Len chose to fight. By New Year's Eve, he was out of the hospital and attended a New Year's Eve party. Then he went snowboarding with his family, a sport that Len has always loved.

After surgery Len went through eight weeks of radiation. One day his doctor asked him what he thought about returning to work.

It was then Len realized his life would change on the professional front, as well.

"It's one thing to survive cancer but it's another to try and run a business at the same time. Relinquishing the busi-

ness allowed me to step back and give myself another chance to really live life," he says.

He went out of business in 2000 and began to pursue a lifelong hobby: photography.

Len began to take classes in photography at the Pittsburgh Filmmakers Association. In August, he had his first photography exhibit at Sweetwater Center for the Arts. The focus was on local farms and farmers' markets and the exhibit was well attended, even bringing the farmers who Len photographed out to see his work.

Recently, Len's photography has been chosen to be showcased in the online gallery of Silver Eye Center for Photography for the next three months. His work was chosen out of 264 submissions that were entered from 29 states and three countries.

To this day Len's doctors cannot give him a prognosis, but he doesn't let this

stifle him, determined to live life to the fullest.

He has residual effects from the brain cancer. It can take him two days to balance his checkbook and his cognitive and reasoning skills are not as sharp as prior to his surgery, but that's OK, he says.

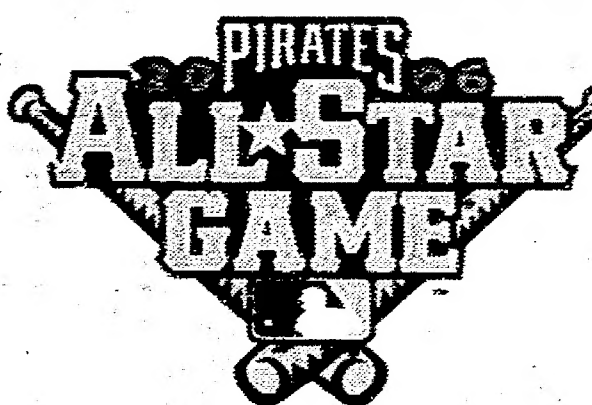
"I consider myself disabled, not handicapped. That's what I like about photography. I can stop, put it aside and go back to it when I'm ready."

Perhaps Len's strongest trait is the fact that he lives every day in the moment.

"I try every day to do something artistic and to do something that helps someone. Today I'm going to go to the YMCA and say hello to three people I don't particularly like.

"My attitude is you get back what you give. I think that is one of the reasons I've been allowed to stay on this earth is to help others."

Len celebrates his five-year anniversary of his diagnosis of brain cancer this month. He can be found on the slopes of Seven Springs snowboarding with his family.

SPORTS: Pittsburgh, PNC Park host the 2006 All-Star Game**TRIB TOTAL MEDIA**

DECEMBER, 2005

SPECIAL PULLOUT SECTION**Partnership
an all-star hit
with the city**

PITTSBURGH: The Pittsburgh Pirates and Trib Total Media have agreed to a three-year partnership that names Trib Total Media as the exclusive newspaper sponsor of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The agreement took effect Nov. 1.



Ed Harrell

The partnership allows the Pirates to leverage the reach of Trib Total Media's six daily newspapers, 22 weekly newspapers, 81 editions of the Pennysaver and the PittsburghLIVE Website to communicate with Pirates' fans throughout Western Pennsylvania.

"This partnership is indicative of our desire to have truly collaborative relationships where we help grow each other's business, with a big-picture view of our responsibility to the people of Pittsburgh and the surrounding region," said Kevin McClatchy, the Pirates CEO and Managing General Partner. "We look forward to a mutually successful relationship with this terrifically innovative group at Trib Total Media."

**■ Play ball! See the 2006 Pirates schedule today. Inside. ■**

Trib Total Media will receive signage and vending opportunities in and around PNC Park, and the ability to partner with the Pirates to develop promotions to bring fans to the ballpark beginning with the 2006 season.

"One of the most heartening aspects of this agreement is that we will be able to extend our relationship as neighbors on the North Shore into a true partnership that will benefit the Pirates, Trib Total Media, and the fans for many years to come," said Tribune-Review Publishing Co. President Ed

Harrell. "Both of our organizations have bright futures ahead, and we look forward to achieving our common goals together."

Indeed, Trib Total Media and the Pirates have much in common. The Pirates provide exciting entertainment on and off the field for fans throughout the area, while Trib Total Media serves those fans' needs for news, sports, business and lifestyle news every day.

The Bucs begin the 2006 campaign on April 3 in Milwaukee. The home

opener is scheduled for Monday, April 10, against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Pirates and PNC Park will host the 2006 Major League Baseball All-Star Game on July 11.

Ticket prices for the 2006 season will remain the same, marking the fourth consecutive year in which season ticket and individual game ticket prices have held steady or have been lowered. According to Team Marketing Report, the Pirates average ticket price of \$17.08 is the 23rd lowest among the 30 Major

League Baseball teams. "The 2006 season promises to be very exciting," said Tim Schultdt, Vice President of Sales, Marketing and Broadcasting for the Pirates. "This team will continue to improve and be more competitive, the All-Star Game will be played here in July and we will have bigger and better fan promotions. We are also committed to keeping Pirates baseball affordable. We're demonstrating that commitment by holding the line on ticket prices for the fourth consecutive year."

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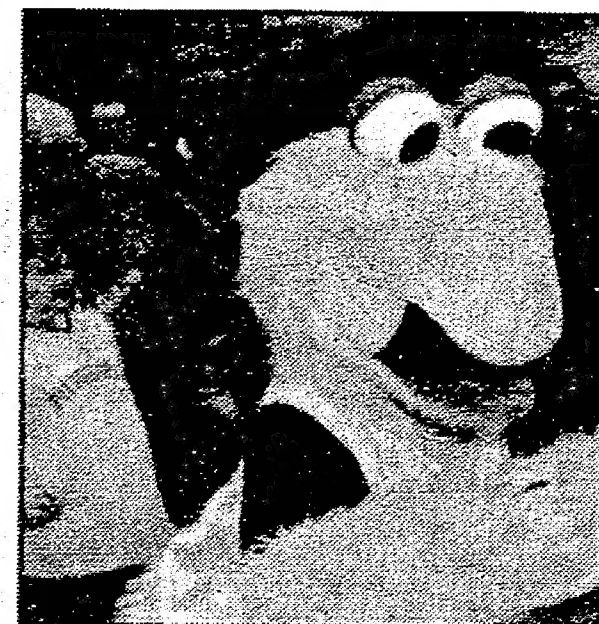
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PIRATES 2006 Happenings

Winter Caravan:

The Pirates Winter Caravan hits the road Jan. 16 and travels for three weeks visiting fans in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and Maryland. The Winter Caravan will stop at an estimated 30 locations this year with members of the 2006 Pirates and coaches, broadcasters, alumni, the Canonball Crew and, of course, the Pirate Parrot! Fans can attend a variety of local civic luncheons or a free autograph appearance at each stop. More information, including locations and participants, will be available next month.



PirateFest 2006:

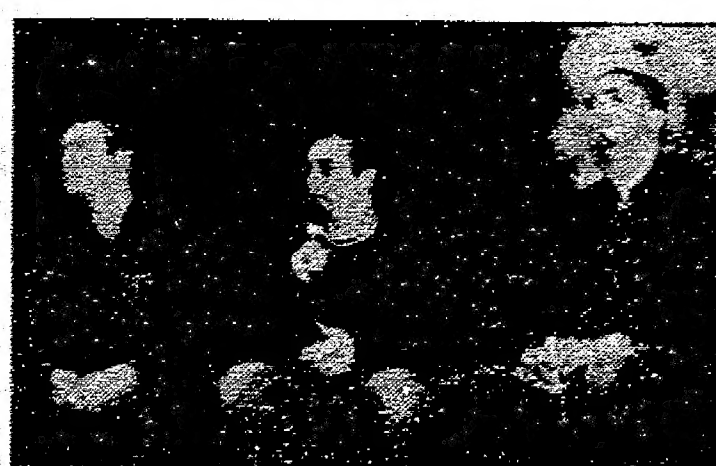
PirateFest 2006 returns to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Jan. 27-29. Now in its 16th year, PirateFest is a three-day, indoor Pirates & baseball carnival for fans of all ages. Fans can get free autographs from current Pirates and former Pirates All-Stars, meet the Pirates new skipper Jim Tracy and participate in a special Q&A session with Kevin McClatchy and Dave Littlefield. Fans will also participate in trivia contests, youth baseball clinics, test their talents at the video pitching and batting cages, sing "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" Karaoke, race a Pirate Pierogie, and more. This year, fans will also get a glimpse of the 2006 John Hancock All-Star Fanfest coming this summer. More information, including autograph and event schedules, will be released in December. For more information, please visit www.pirates.com.



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It's Ladies Night!

Every Wednesday evening home game is Ladies Night at PNC Park. Bring your friends or bring a group and be treated to a special VIP pregame party on the South-west Flight Deck at PNC Park when you buy a Ladies Night ticket package. Complimentary buffet, celebrity bartenders and special events will be featured each night. Plus, receive a special ladies-only gift when you attend.



Sundays = KIDS! Bring the family down to The Best Ballpark in America on Sundays and visit the Giant Eagle Kids Fun Zone on Federal Street. Inflatable rides, costumed characters, balloon artists, face painters and more are available for kids. All fans under 12 will get a Pirates item when they enter the ballpark. Stay after the game because your child will have a chance to RUN THE BASES at PNC Park.

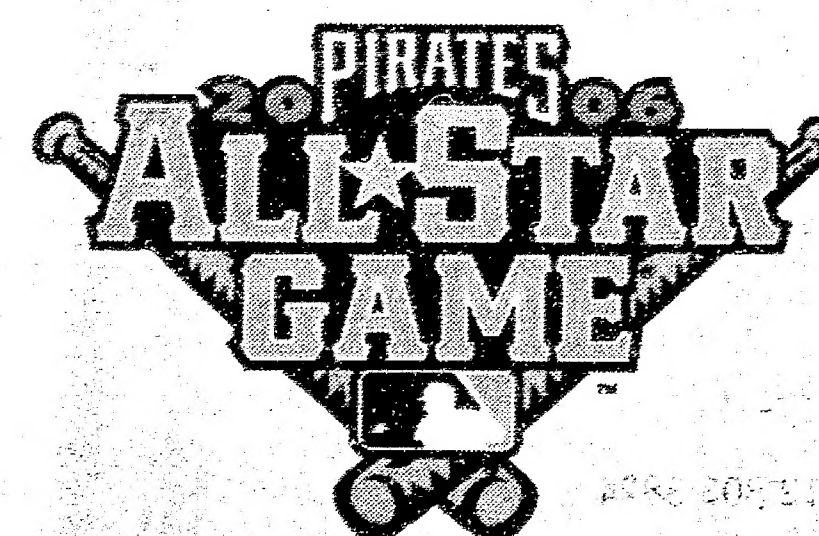
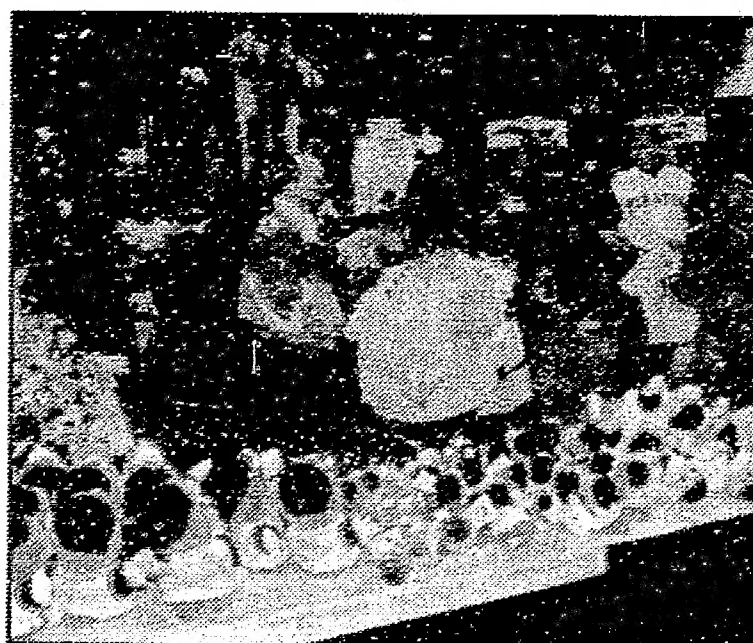
Look who's coming to PNC Park! Interleague play returns as the Bucs battle the World Series Champion Chicago White Sox June 27-29. Former Pirates Skipper Jim Leyland will bring his new team, the Detroit Tigers, into the 'Burgh June 30-July 2.

Finish out the week with Baseball 101:

Put the books away and head to PNC Park for College Fridays. Show your college ID and get a ticket to the game, access to the "College Cove" featuring complimentary nacho bar, beer and soda and a Pirates cap or T-shirt...all for just \$20. What a great way to end the week and hang out with your friends—or make some new ones.

We spell Seniors Specials F-R-E-E:

All Wednesday & Thursday afternoon games at PNC Park are Seniors Specials. Come to the baseball game by taking advantage of the special ticket offers and get a free item just for seniors, including Pirates key chains, coffee mugs, playing cards and more.



All-Star Summer in Pittsburgh!

Friday, July 7 - Tuesday, July 11 John Hancock All-Star Fanfest
 Sunday, July 9 Taco Bell All-Star Sunday, featuring the All-Star Futures Game and the Taco Bell All-Star Legends & Celebrities Softball Game
 Monday, July 10 Gatorade All-Star Workout Day featuring the Century 21 Home Run Derby
 Tuesday, July 11 77th MLB All-Star Game

TROLLEY TRAVELS



SEWICKLEY HERALD and Trib Total Media contributed to Sewickley's Light-Up Night by providing trolley service for visitors to town. With stops upstreet and down, those attending were able to travel in comfort from stage, to restaurant, to the bell tower, to the library and Sweetwater — and every activity in between.

AGENDA:

- Aleppo: 3rd Monday, 7 p.m., 100 North Dr.;
- Bell Acres: 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Big Sew. Creek Firehall;
- Edgeworth: 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Municipal Building, Beaver Road;
- Glenfield: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Riverside Park;
- Haysville: 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., 34 South Ave.;
- Leet: 2nd Monday, 7:30, Municipal Building;
- Leetsdale: 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m., Municipal Building;
- Broad St.;
- Osborne: 3rd Tuesday, 7:30, Osborne Ele-mentary;
- Sewickley COW: 2nd Tuesday, 7:30; • Sewickley: 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m., in Sewickley Borough Building;
- Sewickley Heights: 3rd Monday, 4:30, Borough Hall;
- Sewickley Hills: 2nd Monday, 7:30, Fairhill Rec. Building;
- QV School Board: The board meets the 4th Tuesday for a legislative session at 8 p.m. in Quaker Valley Middle School.



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immersed in the community, raising money for worthy causes, such as the Christy House and Animal Friends.

Judi is a wife, personal chef, caterer, dachshund devotee . . . and a blogger. You'll find her lively reports on YourSewickley.com.

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THE HOLIDAY spirit and hot apple cider kept everyone in the Village warm on Friday night including Pam Johnston and her daughters, Brittany and Kara, of Sewickley.

Light-Up Night

Almost on cue, the sidewalk trees sparkled as the six 2005 Yuletide Princesses and Princes wished for the light-up magic to occur.

Then on both stages, choirs and dancers performed for the many hundreds of people who braved the weather at this first event of Sewickley's Yuletide in the Village celebration.

From one end of town to the other, music and laughter could be heard.

Neighbors greeted neighbors as they enjoyed a meal and shopping at Sweetwater. Kids squealed with delight as their hand-crafted ornaments decorated the library Christmas tree.

And there were ponies, sheep to pet and Jingles the reindeer to visit.

The galleries were open and merchants welcomed in new customers.

It was a chilly night that warmed with every step into the happy crowds.



MEGAN (STEEP) Wagner and son Jack, from Tyrone, Pa., pause for some winter-wear adjustments. *Photos by D.S. Dreeland and Laura Halleman*



NEAR SINGLE-digit wind chill temperatures didn't stop the Grimes family -- mom and dad, Karen and Jon, and Maddie, Mason and Sydney from enjoying Sewickley's annual Light-Up Night event.



HAVING A heart-to-heart talk with Santa is Che Kisiday-Abrego, 8, at Vans Salon.

2006 PITTSBURGH PIRATES SCHEDULE

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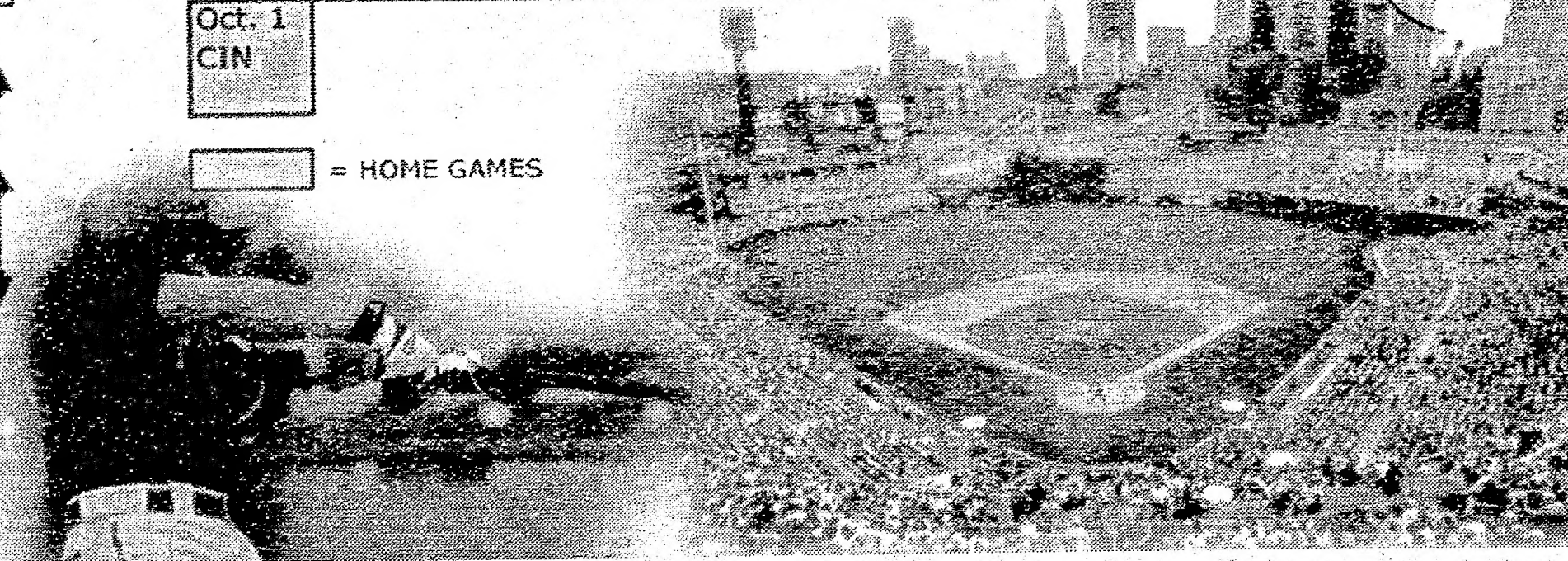
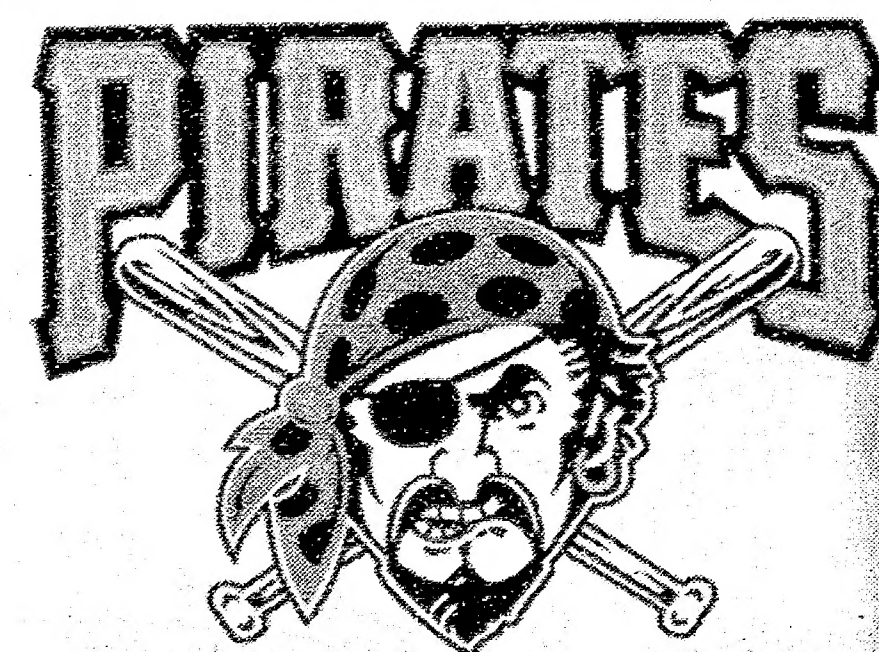
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NEW BUSINESS

New Sewing Suite is tailor-made for Sewickley

By Kate Canon

Staff writer

Pam Quillen has opened her second sewing shop, Sewing Suite, in Sewickley.

The original Sewing Suite is located in Robinson Township and has been operating for more than 20 years.

Quillen became interested in sewing at a very young age, after watching her mother sew her outfits. Because she attended a Catholic school, Quillen was required to wear uniforms, so when she needed an everyday outfit, her mother would tell her to pick out the fabric and she would create something.

As her passion for sewing continued, Quillen enrolled in the Fashion Academy of Pittsburgh, learning more about making patterns and designs. While she learned valuable techniques from the academy, she probably wouldn't have her stores if it weren't for her experience following graduation.

Quillen worked at tailoring shops, where she learned a lot about how to make alterations in suits and formal attire, a skill that would soon come into play in her career.

After leaving the tailoring shop, she worked with several dry cleaners and began to make a name for herself.

But she wasn't happy with her situation.

"I came to my senses and said it was crazy to be doing that when I could be doing everything myself," Quillen says. "I took the risk and thought I could be doing better on my own."

Quillen's alteration shop was a hit, and she quickly formed a following. Because her first store's location is on a main road, she gets a lot of alteration requests from employees at The Mall at Robinson, who use their discounts to buy clothes for great prices. Their purchases don't always fit perfectly.

She sees a lot of clothing from Express, where word-of-mouth has been a great tool for her.

She also gets a lot of business from businessmen and

women, who come in during their lunch hours to get their suits altered.

With business booming in Robinson, Quillen wanted to open a second store that was neither too close nor too far from her original location. She quickly settled on Sewickley because of the atmosphere.

"The locations are night and day," she says. "Robinson has progressed so much and traffic's everywhere. I'll come over here and it's therapeutic."

Quillen enjoys the cleanliness of the town, the slower pace, the peace and quiet and loves the fact that you can walk anywhere.

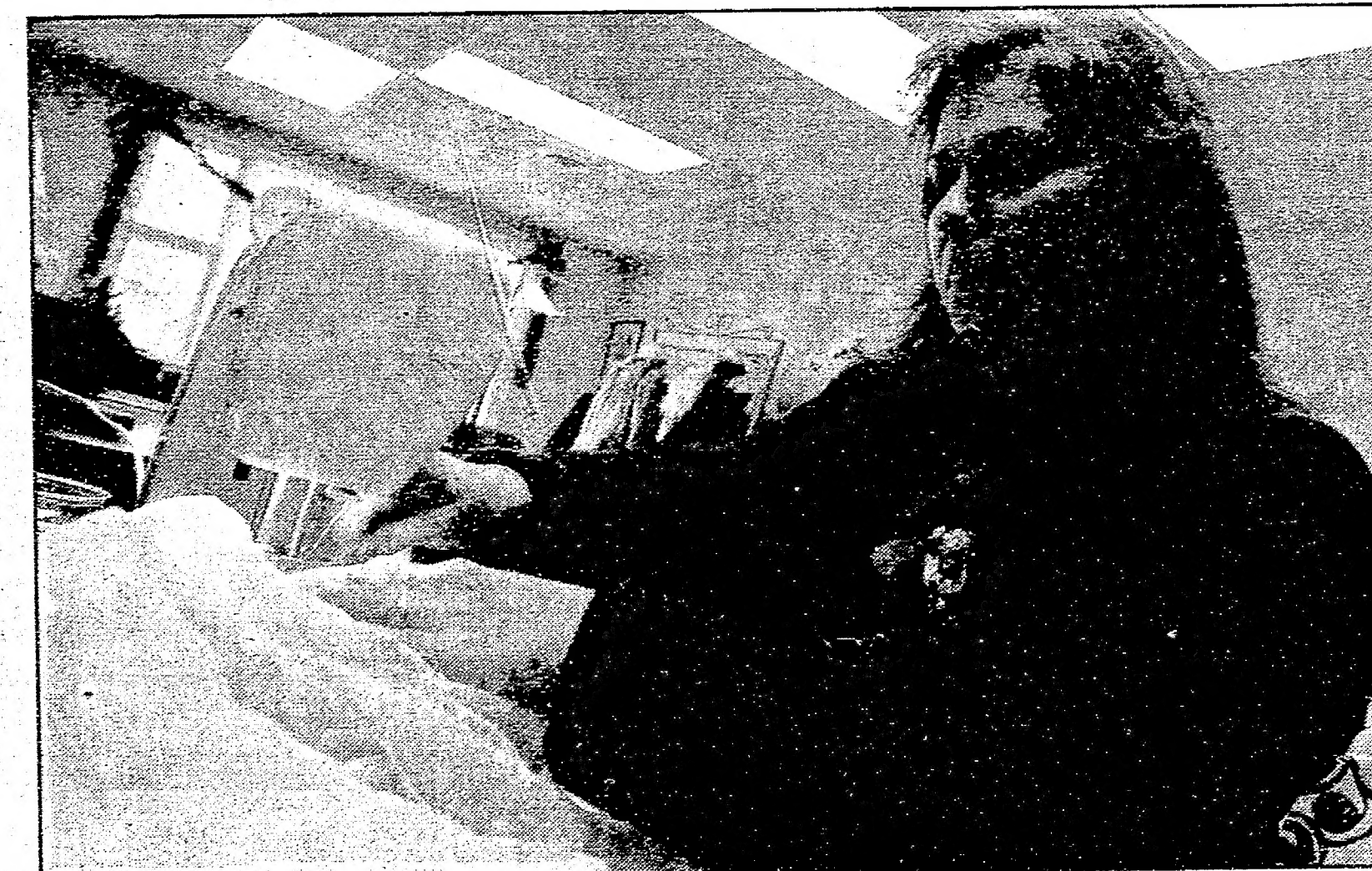
Friendliness of the residents also received high marks in Quillen's book.

"When I came over to Sewickley, some of the dress shops were so welcoming," she explains.

"Everyone is just so friendly. How can you not like it?"

After looking at all of Sewickley's unique clothing shops, she thought there could be a need for her store because there aren't many tailoring shops in Sewickley. They're hard to find in other locations as well.

Now those dress shops are



PAM QUILEN has opened another Sewing Suite in Sewickley on Locust Place. She alters anything from day to formalwear.

Photo by Tim Edmonson

three days in Robinson and three days in Sewickley and is still getting used to the added amount of time spent at her stores.

Years ago, Quillen used to make wedding gowns and dresses for bridal parties. Now even she doesn't understand how she ever found the time to undertake those time-consuming tasks.

"I had to make a choice," she says. "I'm perfectly happy doing alterations."

She's now shying away from home decorations, such as making drapes and pillows, to spend more time for new clients and to allow time for fittings.

Sewing Suite alters anything from everyday wear to formalwear, most of which Quillen alters herself.

"Just come in and try us out," she suggests. "Everybody likes to look better in their clothes."

Sewing Suite is located at 519-A Locust Place.

Quillen can be reached in Sewickley at 412-670-1098.

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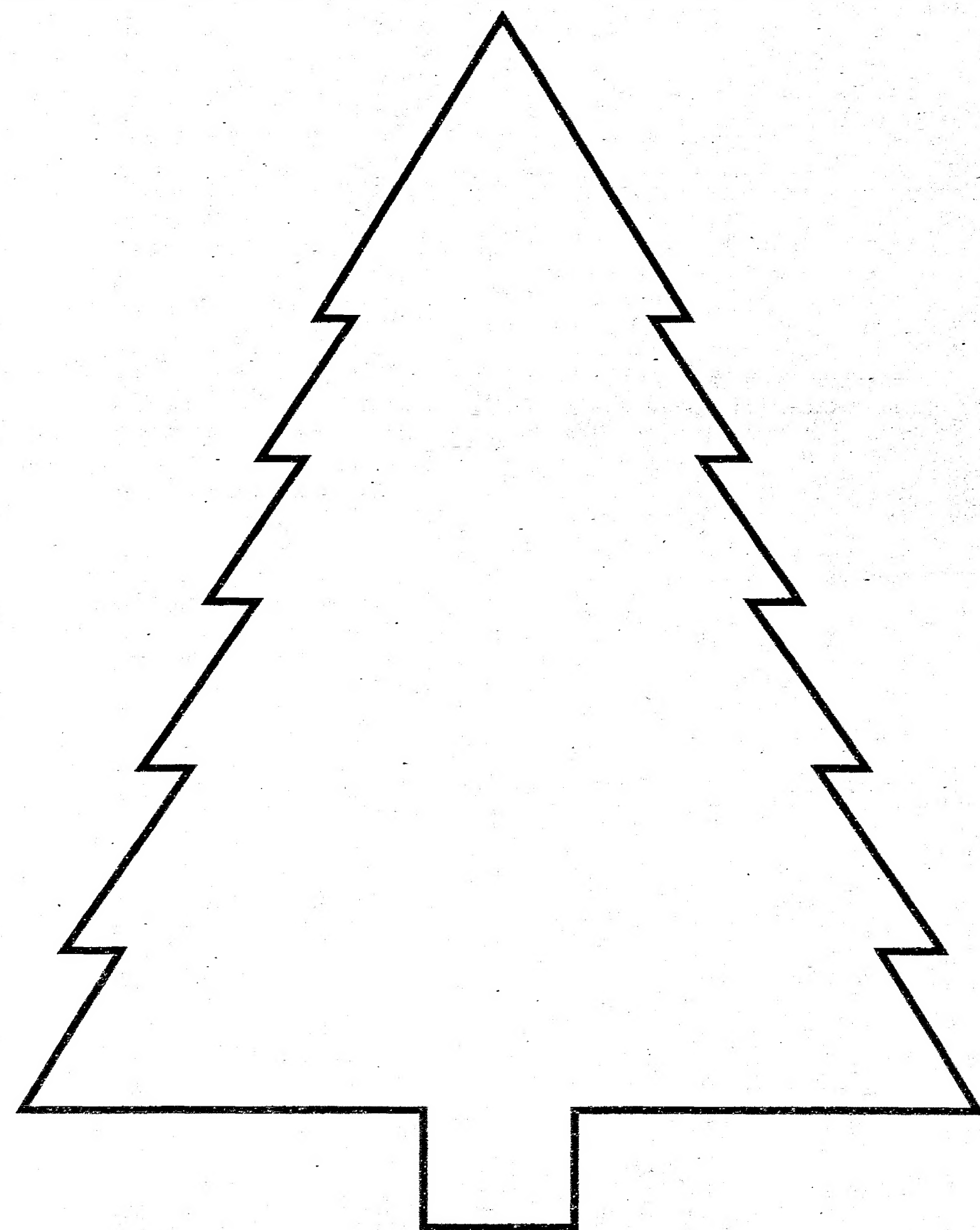
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On stage in Pittsburgh

The Village Singers of the TriCounty Choir will entertain at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9, before the performance of "A Musical Christ-

mas Carol," Pittsburgh CLO's holiday presentation at the Byham Theater in Pittsburgh. ■ The Choraleers and Teen Chorale will perform before performances on Saturday, Dec. 10.

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GIFT IDEAS



BOOKS, VIDEOS, CDs and tapes with holiday themes were on sale at Sewickley Public Library on Light-Up Night. Maria Swanson, member of Friends of Sewickley Public Library, assured that these gently used books will be on sale as long as they last throughout December. Your purchase will provide inexpensive gifts for children and help to fund our library.

FA-LA-LA

Club presents musical gift

Members of the Sewickley Music Club will gather for "Celebrate the Season" with a brass quintet, featuring members of the Pittsburgh Symphony, at the Edgeworth Club on Tuesday, Dec. 14.

This event will be hosted by the executive board members.

The club was founded in 1921 to bring the best of musicians and vocalists to Sewickley.

For more information, call a club member.

Senior Men's Club

The Senior Men's Club will meet this Friday, Dec. 9, and welcome Tim Waxenfelter, director of Quigley High School's debating team.

His topic will be the "Lincoln-Douglas Debates."

Members of the men's club meet each Friday at the YMCA on Blackburn Road.

Members gather at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and conversation. Programs begin at 10.

Area retired men are invited to attend the meeting and to join the club.

The club's Christmas Party will be held next Friday. There will be no morning meeting.

The club will resume its guest speakers on Jan. 6.

A Christmas Fair

"The Christmas Fair" will be held for school students at Old Economy until Dec. 16.

Students will learn about traditions, play with 19th century toys, visit the Museum of Natural History, learn an original Harmonist school song and enjoy a holiday party with Belsnickel.

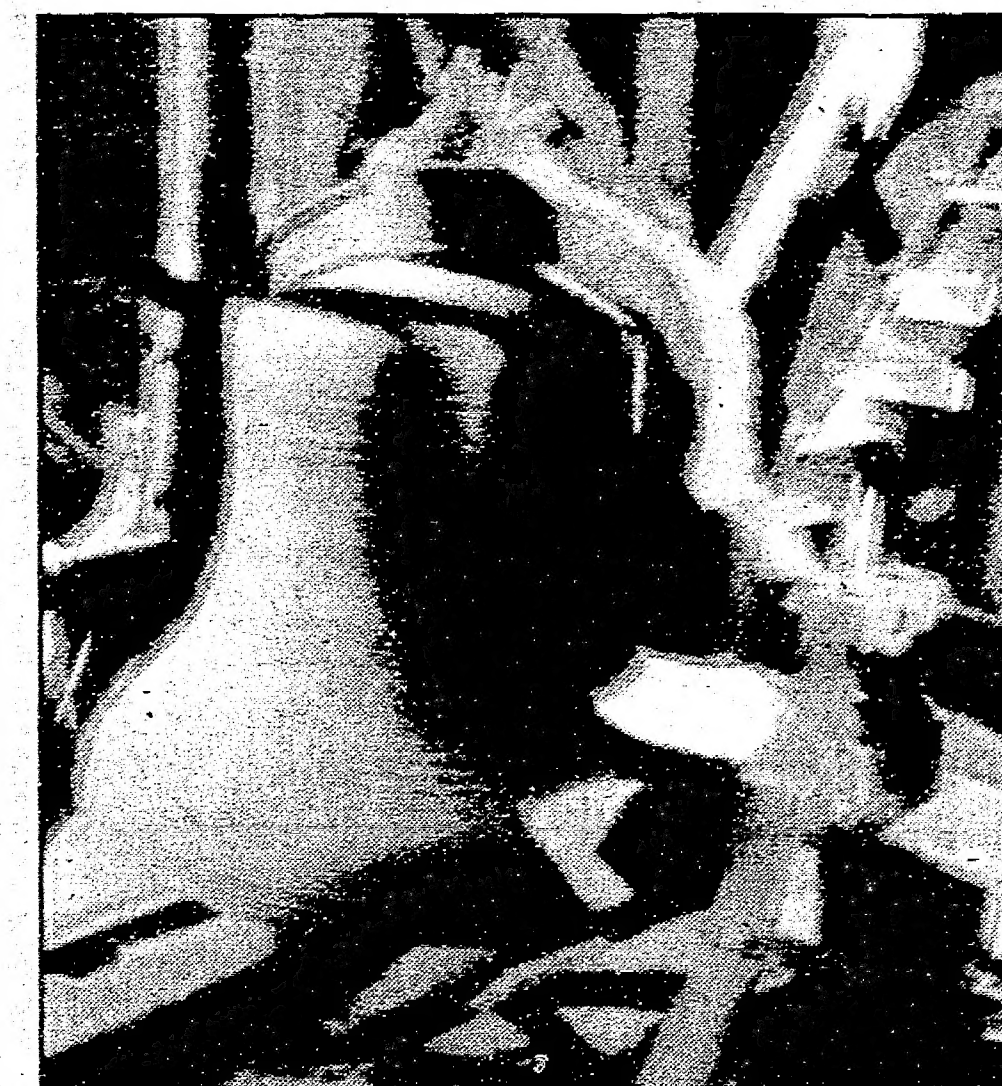
The tour is geared to preschool through first grade students.

Tours are offered at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Cost per student is \$4; one teacher with every 15 students is free.

For reservations, call 724-266-4500, Ext. 115.

TOWER TOUR



TOURS OF the Sewickley United Methodist Church Clock Tower will be held every Wednesday night, Dec. 7, 14 and 21, from 6-8 p.m. Visit the landmark church at Thorn and Broad streets, Sewickley, and learn about its church bell's history.

WALK-ABOUT

Take part in Mistletoe March

A fund-raiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the "Mistletoe March," will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

From 6-9 p.m., a group will be caroling through the Village as part of Annie-Elizabeth Hague's QV graduation project.

Adults can take part by contributing \$10. Students can join the songfest for \$5. Children under age 5 can participate free of charge.

Entertainment will follow the march provided by The Quaker Valley High School Barbershop Quartet.

Refreshments will be served and prize winners announced.

To register, call 724-251-9911. Sponsorships are available.

Additional Sewickley activities on Dec. 14 —

• Sewickley stores will stay open until 8:30 pm

• Horsedrawn carriage rides

• Music, by DJ David Lesondak, provided by the Sewickley Valley Chamber of

Commerce

Train Show

Ohio Valley Lines Model Railroad, Library & Museum Inc., located in the historic district of Old Economy, will host train shows on Dec. 10, 11, 17 and 18 and Jan. 7, 8, 14 and 15 from noon to 5 p.m.

The model railroad features a depiction of Western Pennsylvania from the Ambridge/Pittsburgh area to Wheeling, W.V.

The more than 400 feet of HO gauge mainline track is operated by DCC (digital command control).

Members of the organization have hand-crafted areas of interest including a steel mill, blast furnace, by-product operation, coal mining and coal loading operations, logging, a farm scene and many rural/urban settings.

The cost is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children, age 6-12.

The display is located on 1225 Merchant St., Ambridge.

Call 724-266-4787 or visit www.ohiovalleylines.org.

FUND-RAISER

RCBB brings Christmas to town

Pittsburgh's world famous River City Brass Band, with Denis Colwell as conductor, will present a concert on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Sewickley United Methodist Church.

This is the tenth consecutive holiday performance.

This year's concert, sponsored by Valley Care Association, will include Big Band music, as well as some traditional holiday presentations.

The Moon Area High School Chamber Ensemble, directed by Lori Cole, will set the mood before the concert, performing at 6:45 p.m.

The River City Brass Band will begin its performance at 7:30 p.m., followed by a reception to which all guests are invited.

This year, a gourmet chocolate basket, as well as a wine and cheese basket, will be offered as door prizes. Proceeds from the concert will benefit Faith in Action, a program of the Sewickley Valley YMCA.

Faith in Action, begun in 2002, matches volunteers from local congregations and communities with their elderly neighbors.

These volunteers provide friendly visits, transportation, grocery shopping and similar activities that help to alleviate the loneliness and frustration that occur with advancing age.



River City Brass Band

Tickets, \$25 per person and \$20 for seniors 60 and older, can be purchased at the Sewickley Valley YMCA, Penguin Book Shop, Party Ants and the Sewickley United Methodist Church.


For tickets or information, call the YMCA at 412-741-9622, Ext. 121. For information about Faith in Action, call Ann Berger at 412-741-9622, Ext. 135.

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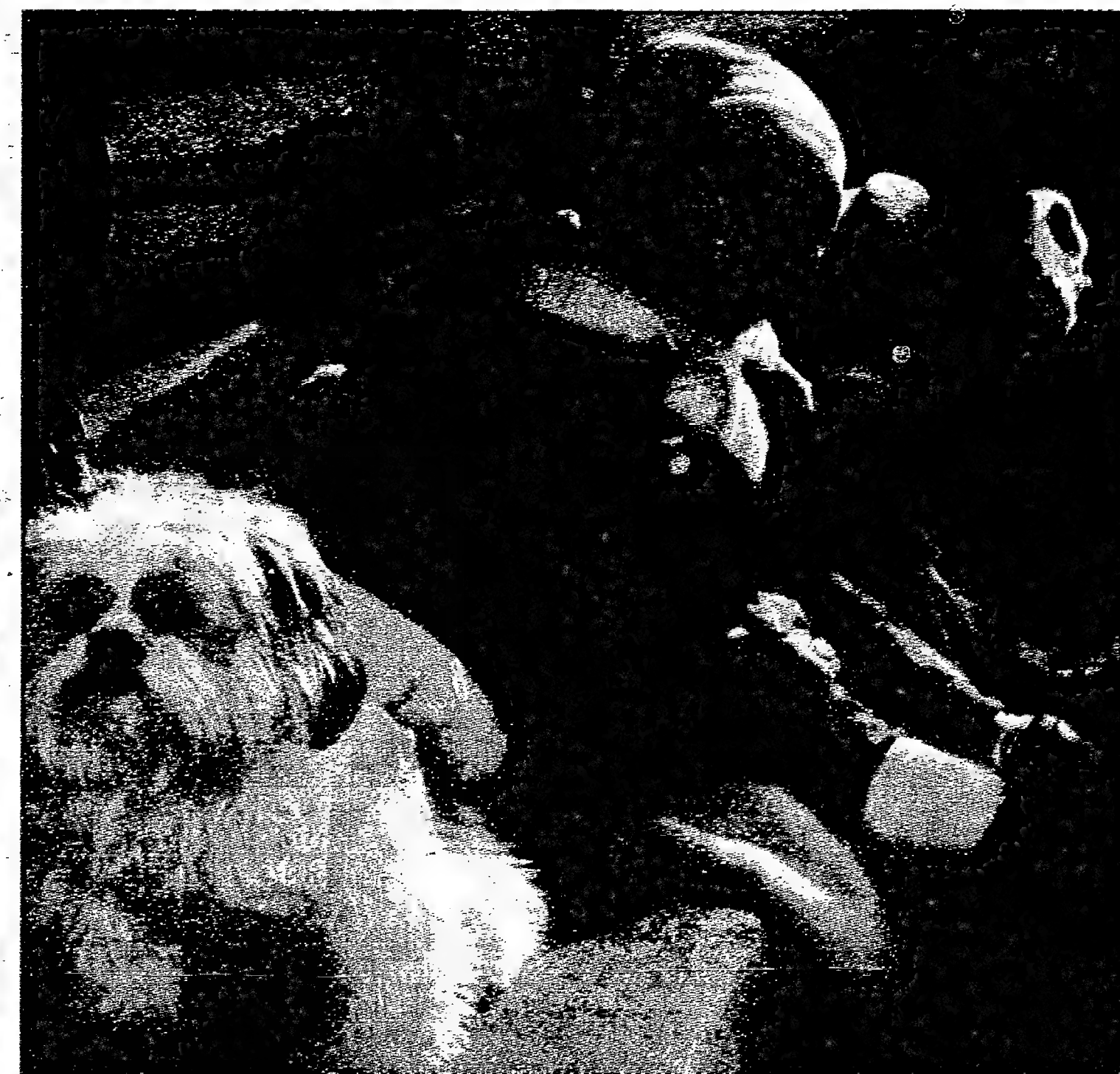
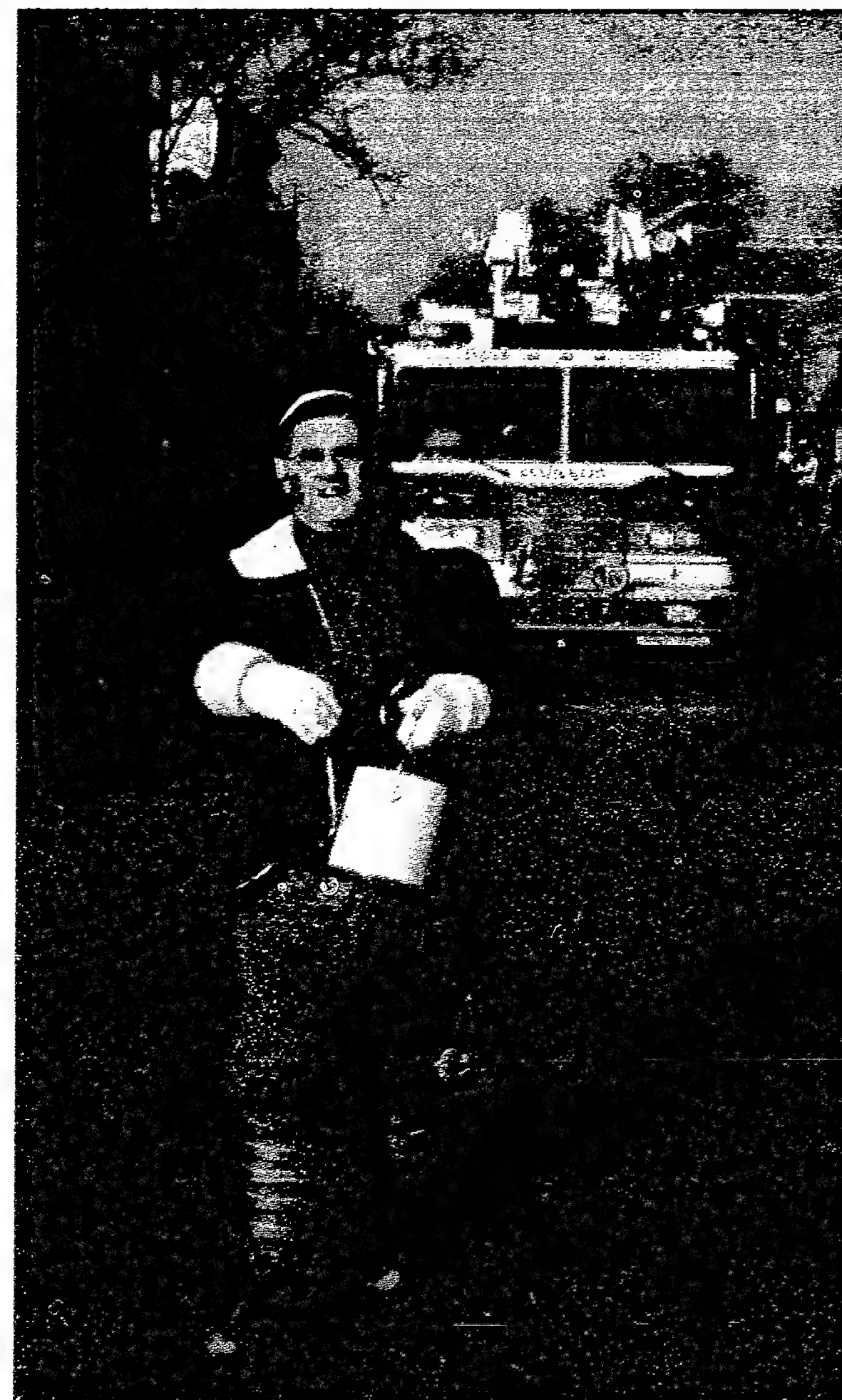
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THE LITTLE girls (above) Elizabeth White, 2, of Aliquippa, and her cousin, Gabby Newhouse, 5, of Chippewa waited patiently for Santa to arrive in Sewickley on Saturday morning. Even the puppy, Spike, kept watch beside them. (At left) Sewickley's most dapper elf, in the person of Kevin Flannery, Sewickley Borough manager, walked the parade route, distributing candy to children and their parents along the way.

Photos by Tim Edmonson

SANTA PARADE



Frosty gets a hug on Beaver Street.

Here comes Santa Claus

Saturday's Santa Parade brought the jolly old elf to town to visit with the children and to help kick off Sewickley's holiday celebration.

The event, sponsored for many years by Quaker Valley Rotary, brought music and smiles to everyone.

Light-Up Night and the entire Yuletide in the Village promotion were sponsored by Sewickley Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Borough of Sewickley, businesses and organizations, foundations and private individuals.

It took thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours to produce these community activities.

There are more planned throughout December, and it is hoped residents and friends from across the region will visit Sewickley to enjoy this season of glad tidings and joy.



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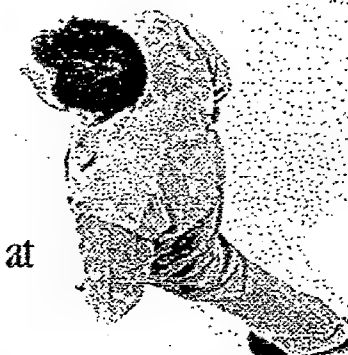
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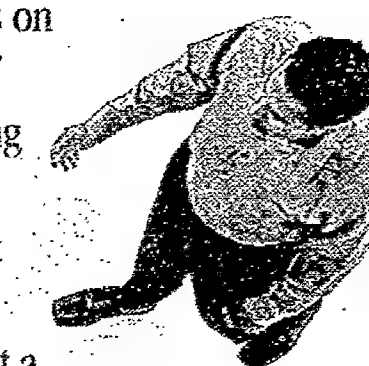
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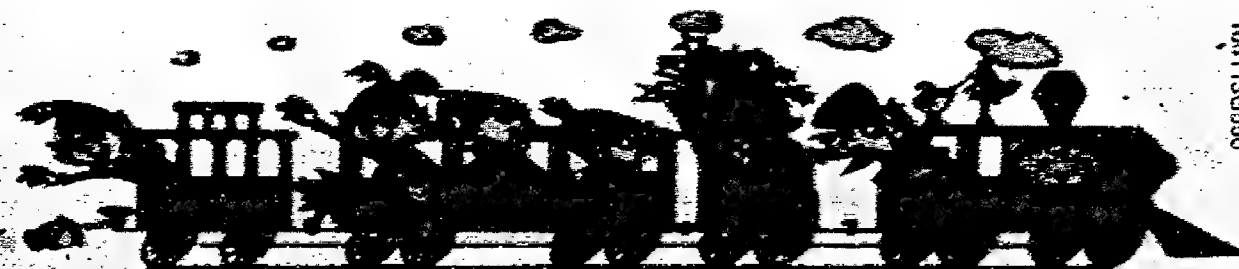


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Christmas tree tips

Proper handling and care will keep it fresh

By Paul R. Huard
Copley News Service

O, Christmas tree, you are not going out of fashion.

Green and lovely, smelling to high heavens of pine or fir or spruce, fresh-cut trees remain the most popular way to green up a home. Providing the right care for the tree will keep it perky even into the New Year. Despite a deluge of cheap, imported artificial trees, sales of the real thing were solid during the 2004 Christmas season, says Irwin Loiterstein, a spokesman for the National Christmas Tree Association. He said consumers purchased 3.7 million more real trees than the previous year.

"Consumers are obviously demanding more of the traditional, farm-grown, natural trees instead of the fake ones from China, and there are indications that growers will be able to increase the supply of real Christmas trees to meet this demand," Loiterstein says.

One tree grower says that many parents seeing buying a Christmas tree as one of the few truly family events that take place during the holiday.

"More parents are looking for the old-fashioned tree farm with the 'Norman Rockwell' experi-

ence," says Jane Battles, co-owner with her husband Ramon of Tower-Pines Farm, Chesterland, Ohio. "One parent insisted, 'I want my children to participate in the fun of finding a tree with the family.' That's the memory that will last forever."

How to care for the tree is a matter of following some important care tips. When a Christmas tree is cut, over half of its weight is water, but with proper care and plenty of water you can maintain the quality.

Tree Tips

- In selecting a tree, make sure that the "handle" at the bottom is long enough to allow the trunk to fit into your tree stand. Otherwise, it will be necessary to remove large branches near the base, which could ruin its appearance.

- Make a fresh cut to remove a half-inch to one-inch disk of wood from the base of the trunk before putting the tree in the stand. Make the cut perpendicular to the stem axis. Don't cut the trunk at an angle, or into a V-shape, which makes it far more difficult to hold the tree in the stand and also reduces the amount of water available to the tree. If you use a "center pin" stand, make sure the hole is drilled in the stem after it is

CHRISTMAS FACTS			
Trim that tree			
Do you have enough decorations for your Christmas tree? Or do you think you may have gone overboard? Here's a good rule of thumb on what's recommended for the tree, mantle and beyond:			
Area to decorate	Feet of garland		
Regular doorway	18' to 25'		
Double doorway	20' to 35'		
Small picture window	18' to 25'		
Large picture window	20' to 35'		
Fireplace mantle	18' to 25'		
Ceiling decorations	50' to 100'		
Tree height	# of miniature lights	Feet of garland	Novelty tree trim/ornaments
2'	35 to 40	2' to 3'	30 pieces
3'	70 to 80	3 to 4'	42 pieces
4'	200 to 400	5' to 5.5'	35-50 pieces
6'	400 to 600	8.5' to 9'	50-75 pieces
7'	500 to 700	10' to 11'	75-100 pieces
8'	600 to 800	13' to 14.5'	175-225 pieces
SOURCE: Brommer's Christmas Store, Frankfort, Ky.			
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trimmed

- Once home, place the tree in water as soon as possible. Most species can go 6-8 hours after cutting the trunk and still take up water. Don't bruise the cut surface or get it dirty.

- If needed, trees can be temporarily stored for several days in a cool location. Place the freshly

cut trunk in a bucket that is kept full of water. The tree may need to be supported in some manner to keep it from tipping over.

- To display the trees indoors, use a stand with an adequate water holding capacity for the tree. As a general rule, stands should

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Tree tips

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provide 1 quart of water per inch of stem diameter. Devices are available that help maintain a constant water level in the stand.

Use a stand that fits your tree. Some stands have circular rings at the top, so the ring must be large enough for the trunk to go through the hole. Other stands are open, which may allow a greater range in trunk size. Avoid whittling the sides of the trunk down to fit a stand. The outer layers of wood are the most efficient in taking up water and should not be removed.

- Keep displayed trees away from sources of heat (fireplaces, heaters, heat vents, and direct sunlight). Lowering the room temperature will slow the drying process, resulting in less water consumption each day. The temperature of the water used to fill the stand is not important and does not affect water uptake.

- Check the stand daily to make sure that the level of water does not go below the base of the tree. With many stands, there can still be water in the stand even though the base of the tree is no longer submerged in water.

- Do not use additives in the water, including floral preservatives, commercial tree preservatives, molasses, sugar, bleach, soft drinks, aspirin, honey and other concoctions. Clean water is all that is needed to maintain freshness.

- Use of miniature lights will produce much less heat and reduce drying of the tree.

- Always inspect light sets prior to placing them on the tree. If worn, replace with a new set.

- Do not overload electrical circuits.

- Always turn off the lights when leaving the house or when going to bed.

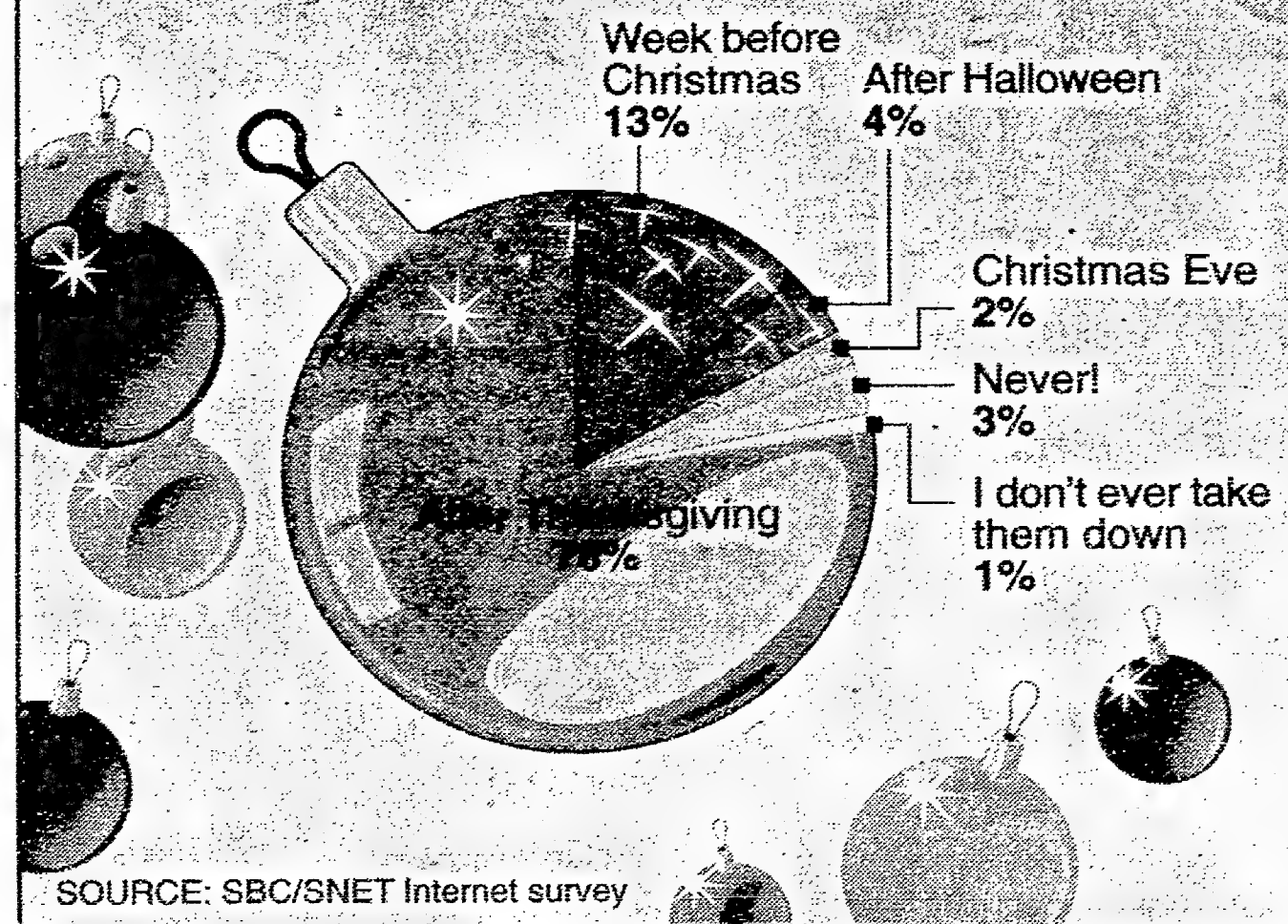
- Monitor the tree for freshness. After Christmas or if the tree is dry, remove it from the house.

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CHRISTMAS FACTS

Christmas decorations

Results of an online survey asking consumers when Christmas and associated holiday decorations should adorn homes:



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MEETING DATES

Youth Connect begins year with talk on stress

Youth Connect, a group of concerned adults from local public and private schools, churches and other non-profit organizations working with area teens, will present a new season of topics on Jan. 26, 2006, at 7 p.m. in the Sewickley Public Library Community Room.

The topic will be "Life in a Pressure Cooker," a discussion of the pressures of life and the stresses affecting parents and children.

■ Next up is: "If I Could Turn Back the Hands of Time," in which experienced parents reflect on what they've learned and what they would do differently, 7 p.m., Feb. 23, 2006.



Youth Connect is a Sewickley-area community organization supporting the Sewickley Community Action Team (SCAT) and the 40 developmental assets that increase the likelihood that young people can avoid risky behaviors.

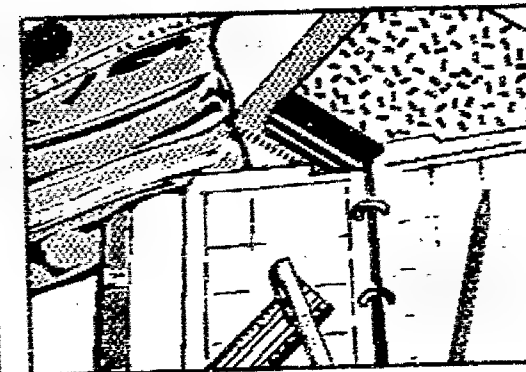
SCAT is an organization of area students created to promote the health and

well-being of their peers.

Youth Connect is sponsored by the American Association of University Women of Coraopolis-Sewickley, the Presbyterian Church of Sewickley, the Quaker Valley School District, St. James School, Sewickley Academy, Sewickley Ministerium, Sewickley Public Library of the Quaker Valley School District, the Sewickley Valley YMCA and the Northern Alliance Against Highly Addictive Drugs.

For more information on the Youth Connect program and organization, call Alan Carson, guidance counselor, Quaker Valley Middle School, at 412-749-5098.

PLAUDITS



Students earn campus honors

Kansas State University student, Shawn A. Cowley of Sewickley, is the recipient of three scholarships.

He has been awarded an engineering scholarship, the Eugene L. Smith Memorial Scholarship and the L. M. Jorgenson Memorial Scholarship.

Cowley's scholarships total \$4,681 for the 2005 - 2006 academic year.

■ Nicole M. Nolfi, a junior communication and business communication double major, was recognized for being named to the dean's list at the Academic Honors Convocation at Thiel College.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas A. Nolfi of Sewickley.

She was among the 279 students — including scholarship recipients, academic honorary members and dean's list honorees — who were recognized for their academic achievements earned during the 2003-2004 academic year.

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Because of the increasing interest, additional sessions will be offered in January at the Sewickley and Sharpsburg locations on the days and times below:

Sewickley campus: Tuesdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m.; and Tuesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Sharpsburg campus: Thursdays, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The weekly sessions provide specific training in social situations, such as peer conversations, making and retaining friendships and emotional responses.

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■ Parents are invited to participate in the parent therapy groups, conveniently offered at the same time as the social skills group.

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To learn more, call Watson Psychological Services at 412-749-2889.

To enroll, visit www.thewatsoninstitute.org/intakeform.jsp.

Idea for your Christmas list

On stage

Artists from The Center for Young Musicians will play at the PPG Winter-garden on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 4 p.m.

For more information, call 724-935-0505.

Winter walk

A "Winter Tree Identification" program for all ages will be held Friday, Dec. 9, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Sewickley Heights Park.

Join Thad Jones, Sewickley Heights park ranger, celebrate the wonders of winter. Learn how to identify trees without their leaves while enjoying the woods.

Admission is free. Meet in the park's upper parking lot.

STUDENT FORUM

Giving is new receiving this Christmas

By Alie Gensheimer

Student columnist

This holiday season, Quaker Valley students plan to partake in festivities such as tree trimming, fine dining, skiing and baking.

However, when surveying students on what they plan to do this holiday season, they all failed to mention what the commercialized holidays are truly about — gift giving.

A common misconception about high school students is that they are selfish due to their lack of enthusiasm in the department of gift giving. The truth of the matter is simply that many of these teens are short on cash.

Even for the students who have a little to spare, there is no need for them to empty their piggy banks over ties their fathers will never wear and scented lotions that will curdle in their mothers' bathroom drawers.

The solution to gift giving on a budget of nothing is quite simple and gives even the cheapest person no excuse not to participate.

Ironically, the answer to giving lies in the act of receiving. Although it requires no money, this kind of gift giving is coined "regifting."

Regift: v.: the act of giving something that has already been received.

Therefore, regifters need to look no farther than their own



Alie Gensheimer

closets to find the things that they already own to give to family members, friends, teachers and co-workers.

Skeptical readers may wonder why one would choose to give away something of value.

The purpose of regifting is not to get rid of something of value, but rather to get rid of something completely worthless to the regifter. This way, regifting accomplishes two tasks at once: providing a gift for a lucky receiver and decluttering precious space.

By removing superfluous items from one's closet, there is now empty space for new gifts.

Regifting has been practiced since the gift-giving tradition began. It has proven

successful if the following conditions are met: the gift has not been used, the gift has not been removed from its original packaging, the gift does not contain the name of the original receiver anywhere on it and the gift is not given to the person who first gave it.

However, by following this criteria, regifters still run the risk of being caught in the act.

On rare occasions, receivers have been known to take a regifted gift to a store in order to return or exchange it, only to find that it has not been in stock for years.

This occurrence can usually be prevented by not giving a gift in name brand wrapping.

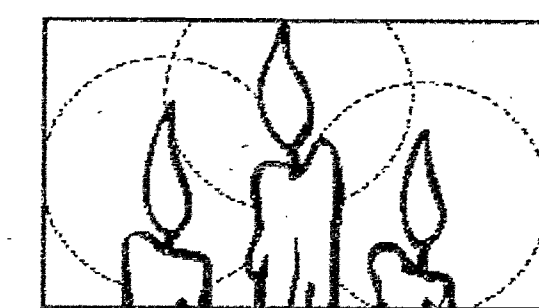
There is no better way to give this season and year-round than to regift.

After all, although our trash may not be others' treasures, by regifting, at least it is no longer our trash.

Alie Gensheimer is a senior at Quaker Valley High School and is interested in journalism. She writes her own column in *The Quaker Quill*.

She also studied creative non-fiction writing at the University of Pittsburgh this summer and plans to continue writing through college. She is hunting for a college that will harbor her interests.

FUND-RAISER



Luminaria for the holidays

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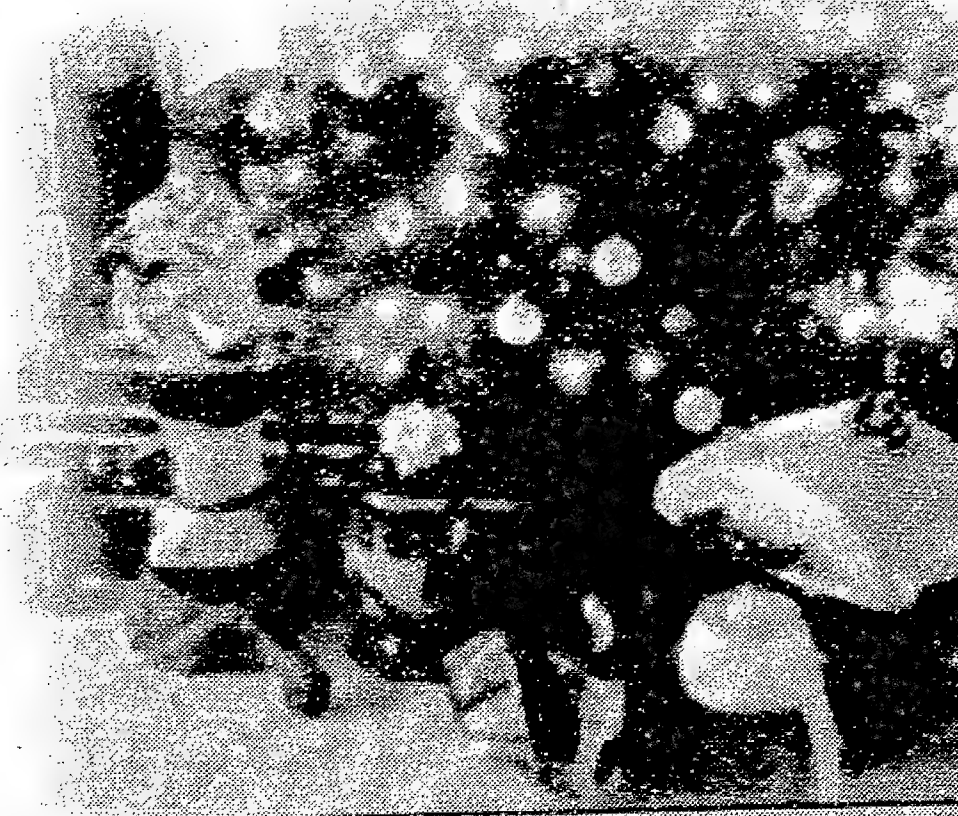
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Decorate your own graham cracker gingerbread house on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 1 or 2 p.m. Bring a shoebox to transport your creation home. There is a \$1 materials fee. Caregivers should accompany younger children.

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2. **One-on-One Instruction** with a certified diabetes nurse educator - Individualized training by a certified diabetes nurse educator on topics pertaining to blood glucose monitoring, insulin preparation and administration, and insulin pump.

3. **Out-Patient Nutrition Clinic** (Medical Nutrition Therapy) - Individualized training by registered, licensed dietitian on topics pertaining to calorie level

determination and nutrition guidelines.

There is a fee to attend this program.

For individuals with diabetes who have health insurance in Pennsylvania, insurers are required in most cases to cover diabetes education if prescribed by a physician.

Prior to attending the first class, it is important to get the appropriate referral from your physician.

Your insurance provider will then be billed.

The Healthy Living with Diabetes class requires a physician referral prior to enrollment.

The classes will be held at The Medical Center, Beaver, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 6, 8, and 13, and on Dec. 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. in Conference Rooms D and E on the first floor.

Classes will also be held at Sewickley Valley Hospital from 9 to 11 a.m. on Dec. 5, 6, and 12, and from 8:30 to 11 a.m. on Dec. 14 in Conference Room 1 on the 4th floor.

For more information about the Diabetes Self-Management Education program, talk with your physician or call 724-773-3422 (TMC), or 412-749-4295 (SVH).

UPCOMING

CPR lessons at OVGH

A Healthcare Provider CPR class will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 13, from noon to 3 p.m. in the W. Laird Davis Center of Learning Room 402 at Ohio Valley General Hospital.

This class is offered for community nurses, physicians, dentists and lifeguards.

Registration is required.

Call 412-777-6271 for more information or to register. The cost for the class is \$50.



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If you are expecting a baby, Heritage Valley Health System's maternity classes can help you and your family members prepare for upcoming life changes.

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■ A one-day prenatal class will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ A two-part "Breastfeeding for Moms-to-Be" class is scheduled for Dec. 7 (today) and 14 from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

The course, taught by a lactation consultant, will provide expectant mothers with guidelines for a successful breastfeeding experience.

Topics will include advantages of breastfeeding, body changes that occur during pregnancy and breastfeeding, recognizing if the baby is getting enough milk, what to do if problems arise and more.

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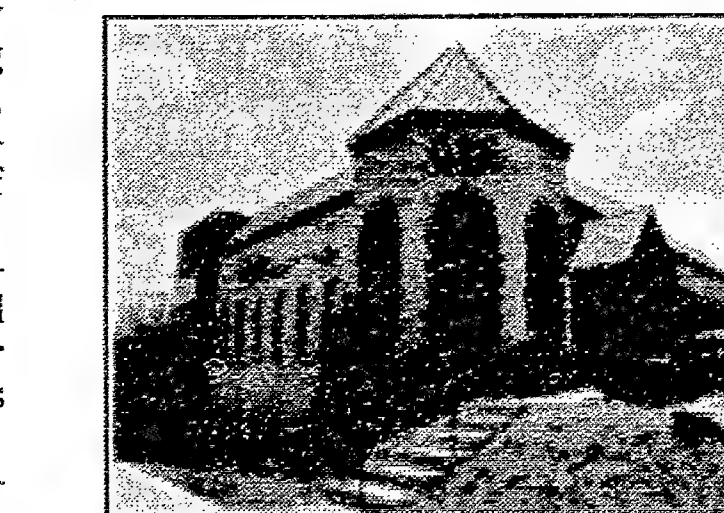
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Share the dates and times of your holiday events with your friends and neighbors. Send your announcements and photos via e-mail to Sewickley.Herald@gatewaynewspapers.com

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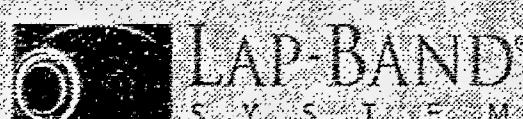


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GIVING

Presenting the check, Dr. Sky Foerster, president of the World Affairs Council and president of the Downtown Rotary Foundation, said, "The relationship that Ohio Valley has with the Rotary in providing medical equipment and supplies in third world countries has developed into a seamless process that really helps people in need."

"We are proud to help Ohio Valley nursing students in need as well."

Anthony J. Caliguire, Ohio Valley General Hospital's vice president of patient care services, also addressed the group stressing how important Ohio Valley's nursing education program is to the surrounding community.

"We truly appreciate this generous donation and hope that this is but the beginning of a mutually beneficial relationship," Caliguire said.

Chuck Snyder, Ohio Valley board member and Crafton Ingram Rotary member, said, "As a community hospital, it is important that we initiate these types of relationships. We are all happy to be a part of this organization and also happy to be involved with the Downtown Rotary."

Under Snyder's leadership,

the Crafton-Ingram Rotary initiated the very first donation to Ohio Valley's School of Nursing Program.

William F. Provenzano, president of Ohio Valley General Hospital, also thanked the Downtown Rotary for its generous donation.

"Our graduates provide great care to the community that we serve, and they help keep Ohio Valley state-of-the-art," said Provenzano.

Also in attendance were Gaye Falletta, director of Ohio Valley's School of Nursing program, and two student nurses, Lee Yankello and Nancy Brown.



TAKING PART in the donation ceremony were (from left) William F. Provenzano, Lee Yankello, Nancy Brown, Gaye Falletta, Dr. Sky Foerster, Gerald Croushore and Chuck Snyder.

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ON STAGE

St. Andrew's hosts Van Leuven concert

St. Andrew's United Presbyterian Church invites the public to a free Christmas Concert on Friday, Dec. 16, from 7-9 p.m., featuring singer/songwriter Grant Van Leuven.

His music blends folk, bluegrass and acoustic-driven rock, and ranges from witty and humorous to serious contemplation.

Van Leuven is classically trained in piano and voice, and has had years of experience playing with various bands and worship groups.

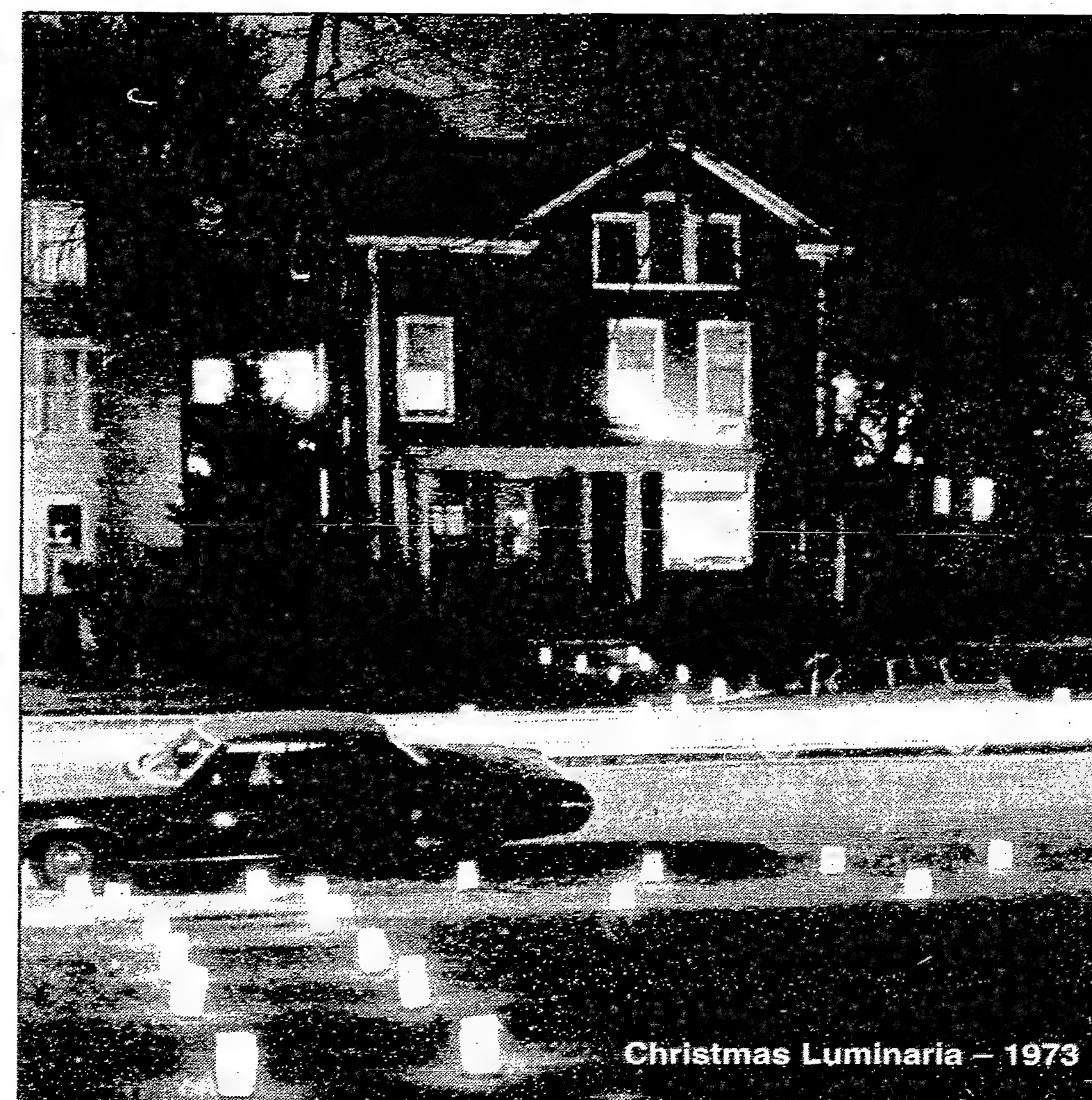
His music is framed in the peaceful resolve of the certainty of Jesus Christ.

The concert will feature traditional Christmas music and some original works. Refreshments will follow.

The church is located at 801 Beaver St., Sewickley.

For more information, call 412-741-8840.

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LESSONS & CAROLS



MEMBERS OF the Westminster Singers of The Presbyterian Church, Sewickley, (above) are only one of the ensembles, which will participate in the church's annual Advent Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4 p.m. Carols from several counties will be performed by church's adult and middle school singing choirs as well as the congregation gathered that afternoon. Craig Dobbins and Raymond Blackwell will be conductors for the service. It is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call 412-741-4550, Ext. 205.

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CHURCH EVENTS

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There are two local routes through Sewickley and Leetsdale.

Meals are picked up at St. James Catholic Church in Sewickley by a driver and a deliverer.

Following delivery, the empty containers are returned to St. James. It usually takes about an hour.

Call Peggy O'Brosky mornings at 412-766-7763 if you can help and tell when you're available.

Oasis Service

Oasis services at The Presbyterian Church will be held today (Wednesday) and Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

The service will focus on Advent as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Advent hymns, scriptures and readings will be a part of the usual worship with communion, candle lighting and anointing with oil.

The labyrinth will also be available for your use.

The labyrinth is a single path with many twists and turn that leads directly to the center. It is an ancient Christian conduit for contemplative prayer and meditation, "a walking meditation."

The walk to the center is a time to purge or let go and to quiet your mind. Reaching the center is a place of meditation and prayer. Leaving the center is a time to feel empowered and renewed.

The labyrinth will be available from 7-8:30 p.m. for a bit of peace, quiet and meditation.

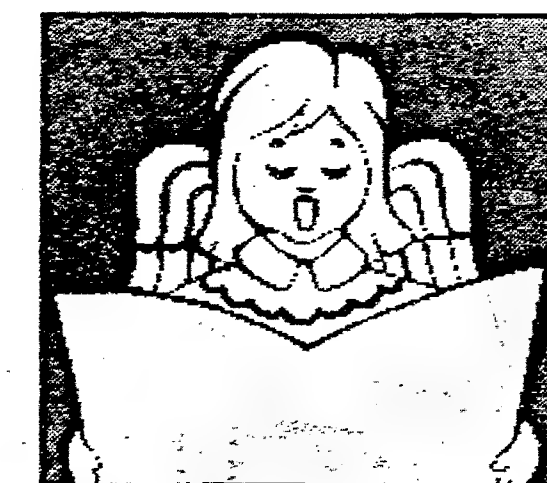
Tuesday luncheon

St. Matthews A.M.E. Zion Church, corner of Thorn and Walnut streets, Sewickley, will host its monthly luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Donation is \$6. Take-out available.

On the menu will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, sweet potato pie and beverages.

Public cordially invited.



Christmas cantata

Voices young and old will be raised in song in the sanctuary of St. James Catholic Church on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4 p.m.

The Children's Choir will perform the musical, "The Merry Christmas Mission."

On Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m., the adult, youth and bell choirs will perform a Christmas concert and cantata with the orchestra.

The public is invited to attend.

The church is located on Walnut Street, Sewickley.

At Antioch

Antioch Baptist Church, 332 Elizabeth St., Sewickley, holds Sunday School at 9 a.m. and morning worship at 10:45.

Bible Study and Prayer Service are on Wednesdays beginning at 7 p.m.

The Rev. Troy Sligh is pastor. For more details, call the church at 412-741-7688.

At First Church

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Sewickley, holds its Sunday service and Sunday school at 10:30 a.m.

The Lesson-Sermon for Sunday is titled "God the Preserver of Man" and will open with a quotation from Numbers: "The Lord bless thee and keep thee."

Wednesday evening testimony meetings are held at 7:30 p.m.

The Reading Room is open Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The church is located at 222 Beaver St., Sewickley.

Advent observance

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will observe the Advent season throughout December in preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth.

Each Sunday morning at 8:15 and 11 worship, an additional candle is lit on the Advent wreath, until on Christmas Eve when all four candles, plus the white Christ candle in the center of the wreath, will be burning.

The church is located at 616 Washington St., Sewickley.

The public is invited to attend.

At St. Stephen's

The "Songfest" concert of all community choirs of TriCounty Choir Institute will be held in Grace Commons of St. Stephen's Church on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 5 p.m.

The Village Singers will present classical favorites, including the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah.

The Teen Chorale, a high

school ensemble, will dress in costume of 16th century England and present "A Madrigal Fantasy."

Advance reserve tickets are available at \$5 for adults and \$3 for children by calling 724-266-2073.

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The first performance will be Friday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. at Sewickley United Methodist Church.

Guest artists include Lucas Harris and David Walker on the wire-strung bardora and cittern, Wendy Gillespie on treble viol, and Stephen Schultz on the renaissance flute.

Other concerts will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, at 8 p.m. at Synod Hall in Oakland; and Sunday, Dec. 18, at 2:30 at Chatham College.

Tickets, available at the door, cost \$20 for general admission, \$16 for seniors, and \$8 for students and low-income.

Tickets can also be purchased by calling ProArts Ticket Service at 412-394-3353.

At St. Stephen's

Seniors are invited to a Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 11:30 a.m.



in Grace Commons. Tickets are \$8 and reservations must be made by today (Wednesday).

Join the church for their "Lessons and Carols" services on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 18, at the 9 and 11 a.m. services.

The church is located at Frederick and Broad streets, Sewickley.

Christ Church at Grove Farm

A Denim & Diamonds Candlelight Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 7 to 10 p.m.

The event will be catered by Beyond Parsley. Musical entertainment will be provided by Lou & Chris Schreiber. Bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift (something you've always wanted to give away) or a \$3 gift.

Tickets are \$15 and are \$17.50 after Monday, Dec. 12.

Mail checks to Sally Littell, 335 Chickasaw Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Robert Richards, 94, Sewickley resident

Robert H. Richards, 94, a Sewickley resident most of his life, passed away Nov. 27, 2005, at St. John's Lutheran Care Center.

He was born in Rochester, Pa. on May 12, 1911 to the late Edward and Margaret (Newell) Richards.

He was preceded in death by his beloved sister, Bonnie G. Richards.

Mr. Richards was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, F & AM #674, Syria Temple and Knights Templar #35 Chapter, North Side of Pittsburgh.

After 32 years, he retired in 1973 from Meadow Gold Dairy.

Mr. Richards also had been employed at Cornell School District in maintenance.

Services were private. Burial was at Sylvania Hills Memorial Park.

Arrangements were made by Copeland's Coraopolis.

Virginia Mikesell

Leet Township resident

Virginia C. Mikesell, 88, was born in Ambridge, Pa. on March 7, 1917, to the late Mervin John and Catherine (Sherbo) Mikesell.

She spent her formative years in Fair Oaks, moving to Leet Township for most of her adult life.

She passed away on Nov. 23, 2005, at The Medical Center, Beaver.

Miss Mikesell was a secre-

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tary at Pittsburgh Forgings for more than 40 years, retiring under their new name of AMPCO.

She was a member of Life Chapel in Ambridge.

Her most beloved vocation was caregiver to her parents. She selflessly devoted her life to them with a gentle and caring heart.

Miss Mikesell is survived by her loving sister and brother-in-law with whom she made her home, Ardith Mikesell Zerby and the Rev. John Zerby of Leet Township.

Miss Mikesell was buried in Sewickley Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Copeland's Sewickley.

SUPPORT

meets in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Washington and Logan streets, Sewickley.

The group meets every third Thursday of the month, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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Wilfred Taylor

Edgeworth resident

Wilfred "Will" Richard Taylor, 96, died Dec. 3, 2005.

The Edgeworth resident was the loving husband of the late Mildred (Sloan) Taylor; beloved father of George (Gerri) Taylor of Surfside, S.C.; Diane (William) Hawkins of Mt. Pleasant, S.C.; grandfather of William (Stefanie) Hawkins Jr.; great grandfather of William Hawkins III, all of N.C.; Geoffrey (Nancy) Hawkins of Arizona; Richard Sloan Taylor of S.C.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Joseph and Malcolm Taylor.

Mr. Taylor also was the special friend of Mary and Bruce Potts of Ambridge and Sylvia Bajsec of Leetsdale.

He was born in Belfast, Ireland, and was a member of the Leetsdale United Presbyterian Church.

He worked for 45 years as an electrician at Armco in Ambridge.

He was a member of Doric Lodge #630 in Sewickley since 1936 and past master since 1949, F & AM 33rd Degree and belonged to the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Interment was in the Sewickley Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Leetsdale United Presbyterian Church.

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Each player in the symphony has to keep in mind the listener, playing his part so well that the listener can find nothing to criticize. Similarly, each worker in any venture must think of the person who will use his product or service.

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SPORTS

GIRLS' BASKETBALL PREVIEW

New coaches hope for quick starts

By Bill Hartlep

Sports editor

Two new head coaches took the hardwood for the first time this weekend, representing the girls' basketball teams at Sewickley Academy and Quaker Valley.

Coach Casey Mohn and the Lady Panthers return three starters from a WPIAL quarterfinalist team, along with some athletic underclassmen hoping to make an impact quickly at the varsity level. Sewickley Academy will have some obstacles to overcome, however, as three players will be recovering from injuries.

Friday's matchup against Duquesne was postponed due to the Dukes' football game conflicting with the school's schedule.

The Lady Quakers opened their 2005-06 campaign under the guidance of coach Curtis Williams, who was hired last month to replace Sally Pallie. Williams was an assistant for Pallie last year, as QV posted a 4-8 mark in the section.

He's hoping to better that record with two strong returning starters - 6-foot-3 center Laura West and all-around player Christa Rogers. Quaker Valley also has three seniors who will provide leadership to the two freshmen, who are expected to contribute.

Quaker Valley opened the season with two losses this weekend at the South Side Beaver Tip-Off Tournament, falling to Carlynton (37-22) and South Side Beaver (41-39).

Here's a preview of the two squads:

Sewickley Academy Lady Panthers

2004-05 finish: 10-2 in Section 1A; 18-6 overall; lost in WPIAL quarterfinals to Clairton.

Returning starters: Elise Kaye (Sr., G), Maggie Sutherland (Sr., F), Mary Harbist (Sr., G).

Top contributors: Jessie Blodis (Jr., G), Meredith Hippert (Jr., G), Kelly McCormick (Jr., G), Dayne Weber (So., G), Taylor Bungo (Fr., G).

Strengths/weaknesses: Work ethic and athleticism are huge strengths for the Lady Panthers, as well as experience and leadership on the team loaded with seven seniors.

Depth could be a problem, however with just seven underclassmen on the roster, and few with varsity experience.

Preseason injuries will be a factor



Bringing the Heat

By Bill Hartlep

Sewickley man bags first ace

For the past 44 years, Terry Newton has chased every hacker's dream - a hole-in-one.

He suffered through hitting pins, lip-outs, edge-hangers and the dreaded cup bounce-out, not to mention constant ribbing from his playing partners' who bragged about their numerous "aces."

But all of that frustration came to an end last month, as the Sewickley resident accomplished the greatest feat in golf at the Waikoloa Golf Club in Hawaii.

"It was a relief, playing golf as long as I had and having to listen to all my friends talking about their holes-in-one. And, I still hadn't had one, being the best golfer of the bunch, by far," Newton said.

His towering five iron shot rolled into the cup on the picturesque 165-yard, 16th hole, to his disbelief.

"I thought it was hiding behind the pin or something."

The ace completed a three-hole stretch for Newton, 57, that included an eagle on the par-5 14th hole and a birdie on the par-4 15th hole. The six-handicapper finished the round with a 1-under par 71.

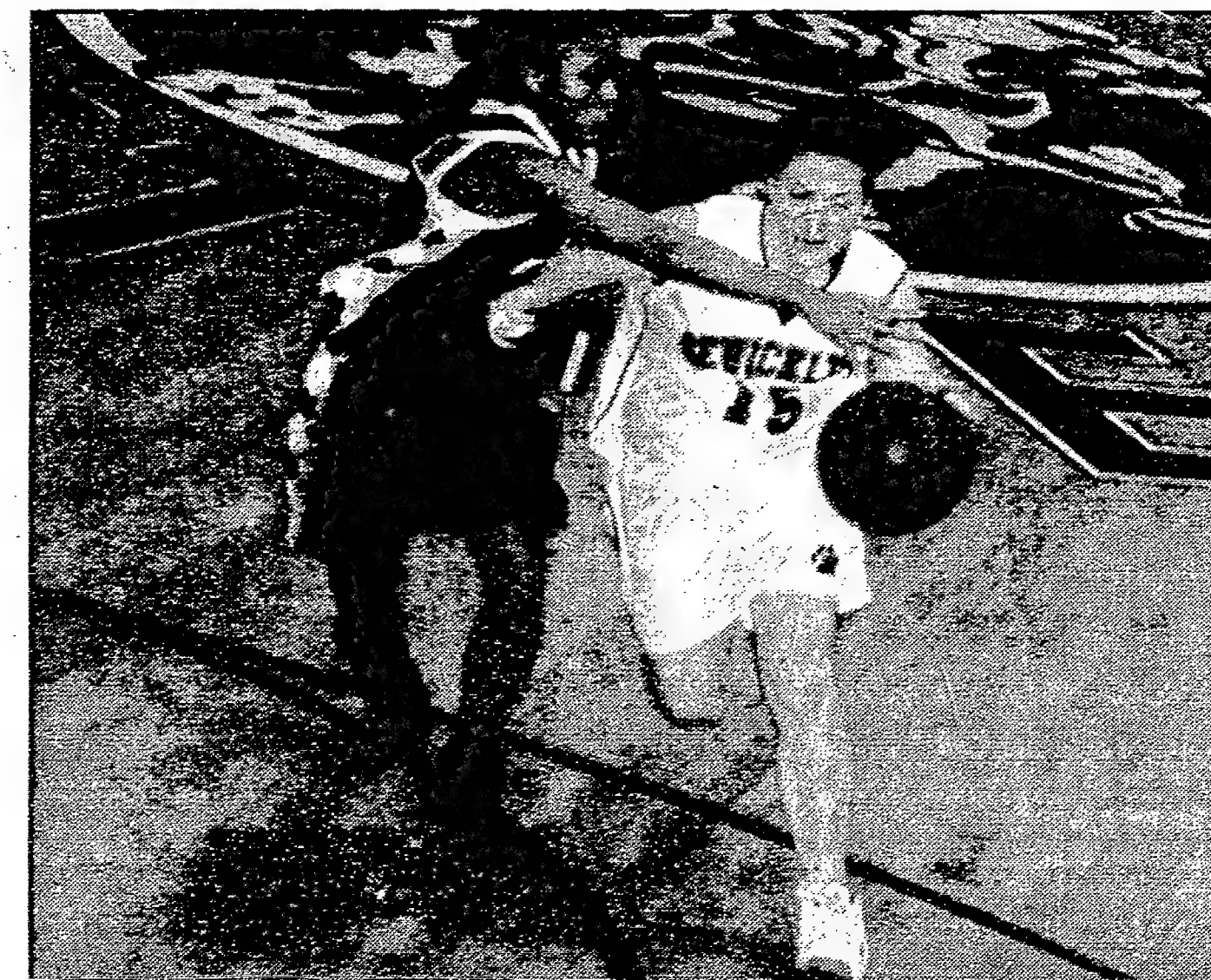
It was the culmination of at least six really close calls for Newton. Earlier this year, while playing a round in Vancouver, Wash., he flew the ball into the cup on a fly on a 138-yard hole, only to have the ball bounce out after striking the bottom.

"At that point, I figured I was never going to have one," he said.

Soon after returning from his trip, Newton took his game back to his home course, Beaver Valley Golf Club, for a round with some friends and a little boasting.

"I played golf with a guy last Sunday, and I said 'I got my first hole-in-one.' He said, 'That's great. I've had seven,'" said Newton with

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ELISE KAYE, a senior, is one of three returning starters for the Lady Panthers this season.

Photo by Tim Edmonson

as senior Mary Harbist tore her ACL, while senior Elise Kaye suffered a high ankle sprain and freshman Tayler Bungo tore her ACL during soccer.

Sewickley Academy will also suffer from a lack of height, relying on fundamentals to battle on the boards.

Outlook: The team is not expected to be as strong as last year, but they are up to the task of trying to win as many games as possible and remain competitive in the section.

"The section is very physical and full of great defensive teams, so we are preparing for that," said first-year head coach Casey Mohn. "This season, the underclassmen will have to step it up quite a bit. We will be looking for some new scorers to step up."

On offense, the Lady Quakers feature good outside shooting, and will play an up-tempo game to utilize the skills of quick guards.

The majority of the team is young, outside of the starters. Coach Curtis Williams hopes to get them some experience for them to improve and become battle tested in the high school game.

Outlook: Last season, just three teams from Section 1A advanced to the post-season. Quaker Valley finished in fourth place and was left out of the mix. For the 2005-06 season, the rules have changed and a fourth team will be tossed into the brackets.

"I think that we have a very good chance to make the playoffs," Williams said. "I'm very optimistic that we can finish in the top four in the section. It's a start."

Strengths/weaknesses: West is senior captain and a three-time All-Section player who will need to lead

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SA/QV swimmers start season well at Beaver

By Bill Hartlep

Sports editor

Just one meet into the season, nine members of the Sewickley Academy/Quaker Valley co-op swim team have qualified for the WPIAL meet.

Coach David Long and his teams took on Beaver last week to open the season.

The boys' team, short-handed by early season injuries, lost 95-66, but the girls' team pulled off a 96-84 win.

Leading the way for the boys' was senior Ashton Kinney, who qualified in the 100 breast, 100 free and the medley relay.

Also qualifying in the relay were juniors Benji Greenberger and Nick Cheddar and sophomore Shane Priddy.

"(Ashton) is our big gun," Long said of the Allegheny College bound swimmer.

"He's a two-year state qualifier and plans to go back this year. He's off to a great start. He's not really a breaststroker, but he qualified for WPIALs in that."

Greenberger is expected to contribute in the 100 back and 50 free, Cheddar as a diver, 50 free and Priddy - a transfer from Blackhawk - in the 100 breast and 200 IM.

More than 30 girls swam for SA/QV last week, some familiar faces and some newer ones as several freshman had successful debuts.

Senior Drea Chamberlain, junior Becca Blazak and sophomore Jenna Ritchert were state qualifiers last year and have picked that up again.

Chamberlain qualified for WPIALs in the 100 breast and 200 IM, Ritchert in the 100 fly and Blazak in the 100 free.

IN THE POOL

"They are top-notch swimmers. They're state qualifiers. They're going to go back to states again," Long said.

"Drea could qualify for WPIALs in every event. She's that good."

Also qualifying was senior Lucy Gross for diving and junior Sarah Plese as a member of the 200 medley relay that also includes Chamberlain, Blazak and Ritchert.

The girls' team also features a large freshmen class, which will be expected to contribute at the section meets.

"The girls have an outside shot to win the section. They tied for second last year. We have strong divers and we're hoping they can challenge. We have some depth, and next year, they'll be even better."

Last season's girls' team took seventh in WPIALs, while the boys' earned ninth.

The boys' finished second in the section behind WPIAL Champion Shady Side Academy, which was their highest ever finish.

Long also said that this year's team has tremendous potential to score, shown at Beaver as five guys scored the 66 team points against the 18-member Beaver squad.

"I'm trying to get almost all of the guys to the WPIAL meet," he said.

"We're not going to be able to compete for the section crown because of Shady Side Academy. If we get the three relays and Ashton to states, that's what we're looking for."

BRINGING THE HEAT

Sewickley man gets first ace

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a laugh.

A hole-in-one is arguably the most difficult task in sports, and many golfers spend their entire career struggling for that one shining moment.

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LEGEND IN TOWN

Sewickley seniors get visit from Steelers great

By Bill Hartlep

Sports editor

Dwight White tours the country speaking to students, teams and businessmen at various banquets and conferences.

But last week, the Super Steelers' star defensive lineman spoke to "his people," and by his people, he was talking about the Senior Men's Club in Sewickley.

White, 56, now a senior managing director in public finance for Mesinow Financial, spends his off time giving speeches to groups of people who weren't even alive when he retired from football.

When he visited the Sewickley Valley YMCA, however, every man in the room remembered when White left a hospital bed to play in Super Bowl IX against the Vikings, despite suffering from viral pneumonia.

He, of course, is best known for scoring the first points of that game on a safety.

After being drafted out of East Texas State in 1971 by Pittsburgh, White played for 10 seasons under Chuck Noll as a member of the legendary Steel Curtain defense.

Number 78 retired after the 1980 season and played in 126 games, including four Super Bowl victories.

The two-time pro-bowler discussed various topics with the Sewickley club, ranging from his childhood and college days to his comments on today's issues in the NFL.

Here are some of the highlights from Dwight "Mad Dog" White's presentation: **Chuck Noll...**

"When I came into the league, Chuck Noll was about 35 years old and I was 20. He seemed like a real old man. I see him now, and that bridge has narrowed."

"Chuck was not your traditional fire breathing, hell raising type of coach. He always thought this guy was kind of weird...He liked to drink wine. We were Iron City boys, you know, shot and a beer."

"I really respect him for everything he taught us. He made us believe in ourselves. He was a class guy."

Life after football...

Several of the Super Steelers moved onto various fields after retirement.

White is a managing director at a public finance firm and is chairman of Governor Ed Rendell's Advisory Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

Andy Russell is an entrepreneur, Dwayne Woodruff will be sitting on the bench in the Allegheny County Courts and Lynn Swann is running for governor.

"Governor? I'm thinking of running for mayor of Sewickley."

Paydays...

White signed his first contract for \$16,000 per year with a \$5,000 signing bonus. He was awarded an extension that gave him \$32,000 per season after his first pro bowl appearance.

"The \$100,000 contract didn't exist back then...It wasn't about the money. It was about being the best, getting the ring."



DWIGHT WHITE earned four Super Bowl rings and two pro bowl appearances in his 10 years with the Steelers.

Steroids...

"The curtain didn't need steroids. We could whip you without them. I will never support the use of steroids or any performance enhancing drugs...Whatever they had back then was like an aspirin compared to this jet fuel they have now."

Terrell Owens...

A question was posed asking, "Which of the front four would have killed T.O.?"

"We would have been fighting for the opportunity...You could not (tick) me off if I was making \$40 million. I'd be the most well behaved guy out there."

"You had to get with the program. (In the '70s, the T.O. situation) would've worked itself out in the locker room."

Wide receivers...

"These wide receivers - Swann and all of them - I want them on my team, but they aren't football players. Players are in the trenches. I was a football player."

2005 Indianapolis Colts...

"Win a couple of rings and then I'll compare them to us. They're good, but we were great."

The Sewickley Men's Club has welcomed some big time sports personalities, but White entertained the crowd as well as any of them.

It gave the group a chance to remember the glory days of the Steelers dynasty of the '70s and what it was like to be a proud Pittsburgh fan.

White enjoyed hanging out with the older crowd also. After all, they are his people.

Upcoming events for Sewickley Men's Club

Dec. 9 - Quigley High School debating team "Lincoln-Douglas debates"

Dec. 16 - Annual holiday party at Embassy Suites hotel

Dec. 23 - No meeting

Dec. 30 - No meeting

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Panthers offense punishing PIHL opponents

By Bill Hartlep

Sports editor

Last season was one to remember for Sewickley Academy, but coach Erik Hoolahan has challenged his team to better their PIHL Penguins Cup semifinals appearance.

The Panthers lost to Serra Catholic a year ago, finishing the season with a record of 17-7 in one of the most successful seasons in team history. Last year's squad was stacked, outscoring opponents 173-70.

Scoring has been a huge strength for SA (4-1) again this season as it has netted 31 goals to opponent's 13 through the first five games of the season. Goals come in bunches for the Panthers, based on the coach's strategy of taking as many good shots as possible.

"If you don't shoot the puck on net, nothing goes in," Hoolahan said. "That's always been my philosophy. Most of the goals in this league are created by bounces. That's why you shoot the puck."

Sewickley Academy has posted wins over Freeport (6-4), Westmont



Forward Scott Limbach

Photo by Tim Edmonson

Hilltop (7-2), Conemaugh Valley and Quigley (11-0) this season, and suffered a loss to Quaker Valley (5-2).

"I go into this season with very high expectations. Last year was a disappointing loss in the semifinals. This year, our aspirations are even

higher. You have to set the bar high. We plan on getting back to where we were and then taking the next step," Hoolahan said.

"We have a better 'team' this year. We lost some players, but who we have returning plays together extremely well as a unit, and I think they can all through the season."

The team is led by senior forward Connor Blood, who has recorded five goals and 13 assists and is one of the PIHL's leading scorers with 18 points.

His linemates, defenseman Richard Thornburgh and forward Brad Watts, both seniors, are also among the leaders. Thornburgh has four goals and eight assists, and Watts has seven and four.

"Connor is the player on the ice that makes everybody else better," the coach said.

"He's the strongest skater on our team. And, look at who he's playing with. Brad can put the puck in the net. Those two work extremely well together."

Also starring at forward for the Panthers are senior Scott Limbach, juniors Christopher Behrer,

Alexander Echavarria and Alexander Oltmanns, sophomore Jason Limbach and freshman Stephen Mozur.

The defense is anchored by Thornburgh and senior Benjamin Brozanski, as well as sophomore Ken Atwell and freshman Christopher Wei.

Between the pipes this season are sophomore Steven Tehovnik and senior Matt Solter. Tehovnik transferred to the Academy this season and has filled in well in the net.

"He's a hard worker," Hoolahan said. "Steve has extremely high expectations of himself. He gives us dynamics that we haven't had in the past - the ability to play the puck. He's a really strong butterfly goaltender, and he's really going to help us down the stretch in all aspects of the game."

The coach is encouraged by his team's early season success, and considers them the team to beat in Class A this year.

"My boys, when they do everything well and put our system to work, they're very difficult to beat."

SPORTS SHORTS

Johnson leads QV boys' hoops to tourney title

Quaker Valley boys' basketball started off the season earning some respect after pounding Aliquippa 87-56, led by Amir Johnson and Ryann Bradford, who scored 33 and 28 points respectively.

The Quakers went on to defeat Ambridge the following day, 61-58, winning the Ambridge Tip-Off Tourney.

Johnson again led QV (2-0) to victory, scoring 32 points.

Sewickley Academy

Moon Area outscored the Panthers 19-6 in the first quarter and ended up defeating SA, 82-41. Matt Palmer scored 18 points in the loss.

The Panthers took on Knoch Saturday in the consolation game, but couldn't outshoot the Knights.

Knoch went on to win 66-38, dropping SA to 0-2.

GAME OF THE WEEK

from sophomore Jason Limbach and senior Brad Watts, scored a power play goal for SA at 9:51 to knot the game.

Quaker Valley goaltender Zac Zinger was the star of the period, denying 15 shots in the first 15 minutes of play.

The Quakers offense took over in the second period, led by sophomore Mikael Lemieux. At 14:26, he and sophomore Cody Scott assisted a goal by sophomore George Jackson. And later, in similar style to his legendary uncle Mario, Lemieux scored a shorthanded, unassisted goal at 3:16 on a breakaway after he intercepted a pass in the neutral zone.

"It was a great separation goal. Steal the puck and finish the opportunity. We got kids who can score," Quinn said.

The Panthers got within a goal when senior Connor Blood put his own rebound past Zinger, with an assist from senior Richard Thornburgh.

Freshman Colin South would add some insurance for QV at 10:55 remaining with some nice stickhandling and a top shelf puck placement, assisted by Moisey and Scott. Lemieux would seal the victory with an empty net goal with

two seconds left on a third assist by Moisey.

Quaker Valley (5-0) won the contest, 5-2. Sewickley Academy dropped to 3-1 with the loss.

"I think we played hard. We had opportunities and didn't capitalize. They had opportunities and they capitalized. We played the game we wanted to. We went out and showed that we can skate with any team out there," said Sewickley Academy coach Erik Hoolahan.

"I think we outworked them. I think we outshot them. In my mind, I did everything we wanted to do, other than a few bounces of the puck."

The winning coach echoed his counterpart's comments about the effort during the hard fought game.

"I'm really pleased," Quinn said. "Zac Zinger played a tremendous game for us. He's a tremendously talented and charismatic goalie. He's exceptional. He was slighted last year for the all-star game, and he was not happy about it. I'm pleased with all the kids that stepped up."

Zinger recorded 28 saves for QV, and sophomore Steven Tehovnik stopped 14 shots for Sewickley Academy.

The rivals will meet again on Monday, Dec. 12 at the Island Sports Center. Game time is set for 7:15 p.m.

Zinger's play in net leads QV past Academy

By Bill Hartlep

Sports editor

Two of the top teams in PIHL Class A faced off last week at the Airport Ice Arena, which is of some notable interest to local hockey fans.

When those two teams are the neighborhood foes Quaker Valley and Sewickley Academy, the game takes on a completely different tone.

Both squads advanced to the PIHL semifinals last season and have had successful starts to the season. This matchup was a true barometer for where both teams stand in the league.

"It was an early season battle, first game against your rival," said QV coach Kevin Quinn. "We know they're a good team. They know the kids. There's a lot of talk in the community. It's a good rivalry because of how good (SA) has been over the past few years."

Quaker Valley has defeated Sewickley Academy in each of the previous nine contests, but this game wouldn't be decided without a fight.

The teams skated to a one-all tie in the first period, as senior Furman South scored for QV at 13:03, assisted by senior Shawn Ritchey and junior Jason Moisey. Junior Christopher Behrer, with assists



SEWICKLEY REAL ESTATE

DESIGN OF THE WEEK

Rothbury design features two-for-one plan

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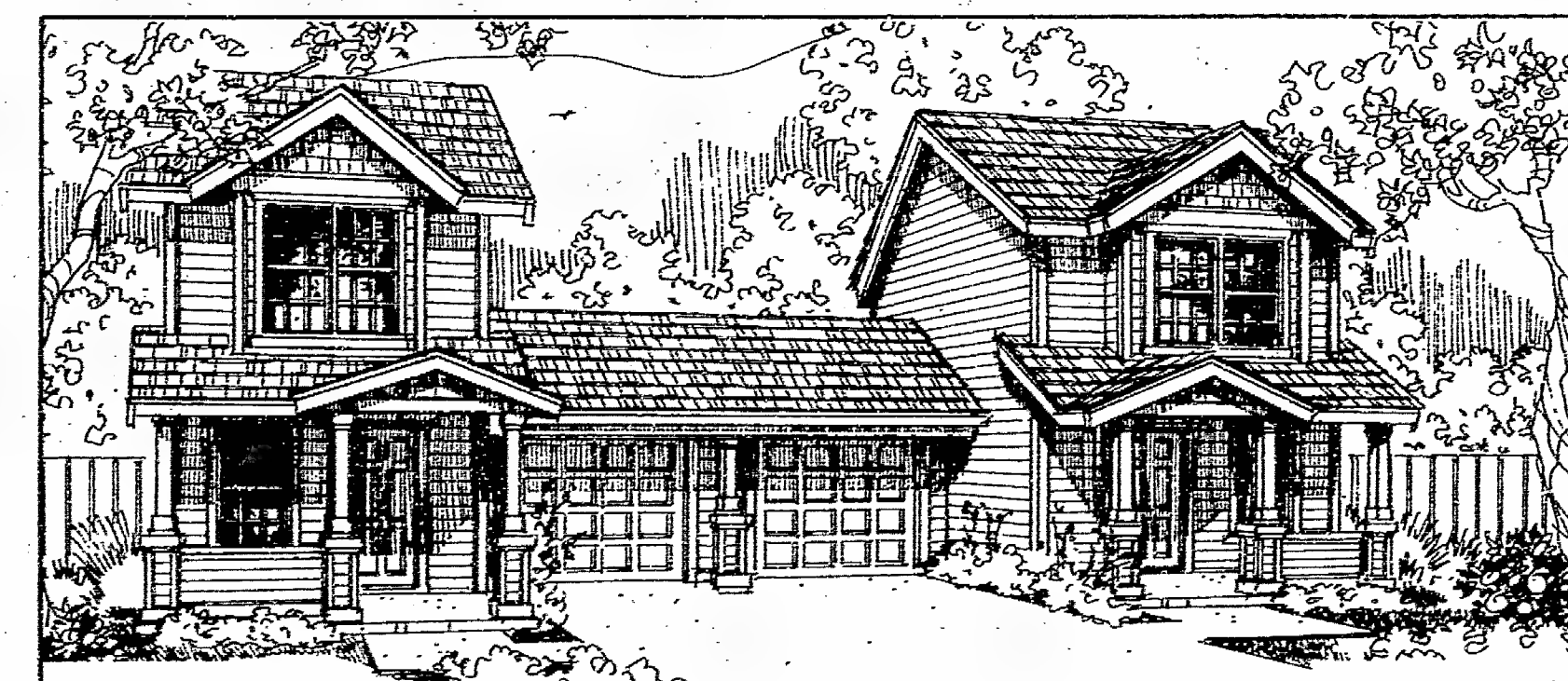
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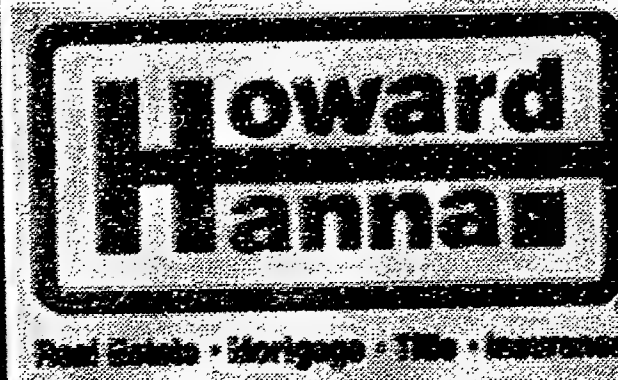
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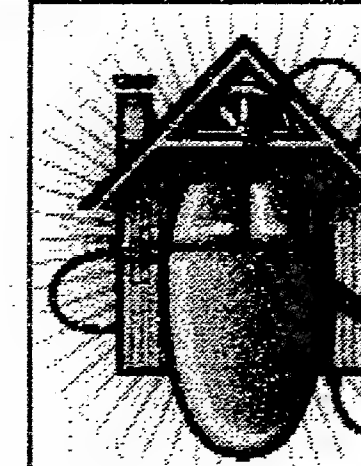


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Located in the pretty "Summerlawn" neighborhood, this 2 yr old custom built home offers an endless list of special features. The first floor offers a large LR, handsome formal DR, a well equipped eat-in kitchen with top-of-the-line fixtures and a spacious family room. There are 5 BR and 6.5 BA including a 1st fl M/Suite. The lower level features a large den and an enormous game room. 2 car garage. Fantastic views and a cul-de-sac location. Call for appointment \$825,000

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EDGEWORTH

This charming "farmhouse" style home is situated on a large, lightly wooded lot. Features of this wonderful home include 5 BR and 3 full BA. There is a large, comfortable LR with a fireplace, an inviting formal DR, updated eat-in kitchen, family room with a fireplace and a cozy den. There is also a pretty covered porch and a fenced rear yard. Integral garage. Great location just outside the Village area. \$475,000

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Exquisite home which has been totally remodeled and updated offering many unique features. Perfectly situated on 5+ acres of trees, gardens & open grassy areas. Exceptional living space which includes a spacious LR with a fireplace, a handsome formal DR, a fabulous eat-in kitchen with top-of-the-line fixtures, an enormous FR with fireplace & a first floor den. There are 5 large BR, 3 full and 3 half BA. The lower level has a finished game room area. There is also a 3 car garage & a fantastic new barn that's a "must see"! Call for appointment. \$1,850,000

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This beautifully built custom home is located on one of the prettiest streets in the area and is only a few minutes from Village shops. Features of this fine home include a large LR, formal DR, den and an updated kitchen with glass doors leading to the rear deck and yard. There are 5 BR and 3.5 BA. Lower level GR, 2 car attached garage and a level, landscaped lot. \$399,000

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Offering a convenient central Village location, this stunning 3 story condominium is the ultimate in sophisticated living. Exceptionally spacious with only the finest appointments, this home offers a comfortable LR with a fireplace, a formal DR, fully equipped kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances and fixtures, FR and a den with a fireplace. The gleaming hardwood floors and beautiful window treatments complete this exquisite home. \$869,000

SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS

This one-of-a-kind property has been exquisitely maintained and is situated on 7+ acres of beautifully landscaped ground with a wonderful view of the river valley. This custom built home offers the convenience of one floor living with a very generous LR, handsome formal DR, fully equipped eat-in kitchen with top-of-the-line fixtures, a den with a fireplace, 4 spacious BR, 4 full and 1 half BA. Meticulous gardens, inground pool and 3 car garage. Call for appointment. \$2,500,000

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This beautifully maintained brick ranch style home offers low maintenance and one-level living. Situated on a picturesque double lot, this home features a large LR with a fireplace, DR and equipped eat-in kitchen. There are 3 BR, and 2 full BA. In addition, there are new carpets, draperies and a newer roof. Great location just outside the Village. \$225,000

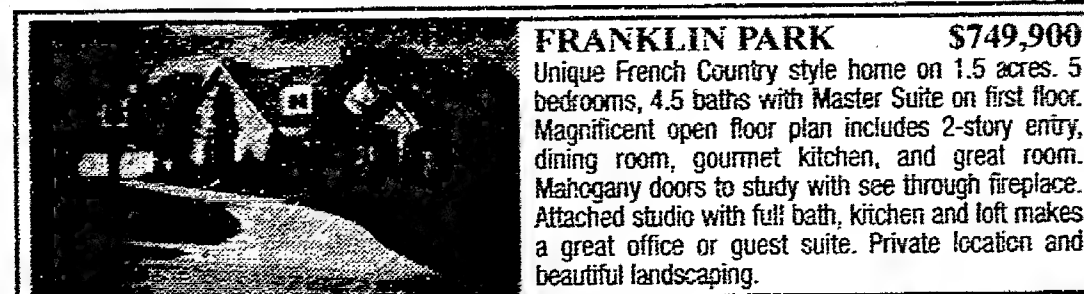
BEN AVON

This pretty brick ranch style home has been updated and freshly painted. Features include a very large LR with a gas log fireplace, an equipped kitchen and finished game room in the walkout basement. Two nice bedrooms, and 1.5 baths. Private deck and garage. Nice lot. \$159,000

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Enjoy the convenient living of this 2 BR, 2 BA co-op located on the first floor of this garden style building. This wonderful unit overlooks the gardens and offers superb living space with a very large living room, dining room and eat-in kitchen. Great storage space, assigned parking and security building. Close to all Village amenities. Call for appointment. \$196,000

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Unique French Country style home on 1.5 acres. 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths with Master Suite on first floor. Magnificent open floor plan includes 2-story entry, dining room, gourmet kitchen, and great room. Mahogany doors to study with see through fireplace. Attached studio with full bath, kitchen and loft makes a great office or guest suite. Private location and beautiful landscaping.



SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS \$1,325,000
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SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS \$1,899,000
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Kim Zipparo \$85,000

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IN THE NEWS

McQuone, Reuter tops in Sewickley

Bev McQuone and Susie Reuter were the top office producers in residential sales and residential listings in the Prudential Preferred Realty's Sewickley office.

Ann Ridley was #1 in residen-

tial listings sold for the month of October.

Also recognized as leaders were Jill Stehnach, Kathy Brandt, Pat Casella, Judy Vescio, Jonathan Gordon, Mary Lyn McGinn and Jean

Snyder.

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Open house on Dec. 10

An open house will be held at The Masonic Village at Sewickley on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m.

The marketing staff will be on hand to discuss retirement living accommodations available.

Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the clubhouse and various accommodations, ask questions of the marketing staff and enjoy refreshments.

For directions to the Masonic Village, 1000 Masonic Drive, or to schedule a personal appointment, call 412-741-1400, Ext. 3530.

Make reservation by Dec. 13.

The Masonic Village at Sewickley is a community of the Masonic Villages of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Services also are provided in Elizabethtown, Lafayette Hill and Warminster, Pa.

Visit the Web site at www.pagrandleodge.org/villages.

BEST Winter Buys

~ Leetsdale ~
Nice room sizes & easy flow to the floor plan in this 3BR + den. EIK/appliances. New neutral carpet throughout. Fenced-in yard/large den/ramp.
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Linda Sovich
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~ Ambridge ~
3 Bedroom ranch/sunroom. New oak EIK/all appliances. Features include new windows, sliding ext. doors, & cement work. High Basement ceilings.
BL#77985
Linda Sovich
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~ Leetsdale ~
Updated 2 bedroom with dramatic open floor plan & cherry kitchen. Lower Level Family Room/private entrance gives additional living space. Could be used as 3rd bedroom. Very well kept. Located in Victory Terrace. Call for private showing.
BL#72445
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~ Glenfield ~
Just Reduced!! Make an offer on this nicely updated 3 Bedroom vinyl home/river view! Large Eat-in kitchen/dining area. Spacious Living Room & Dining Room of Family Room if you prefer. Great storage & workshop space in basement.
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~ Leetsdale ~
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HOME OF THE WEEK

Ben Avon property features all comforts of home

Nestled on manicured grounds with lovely mature plantings in historic Ben Avon, this turn-of-the-century Dutch Colonial has been restored offering a tasteful marriage of old world charm and millennium amenities.

The expansive columned front porch, overlooking the gracious front grounds, leads you to the entry of the home.

To the left of the entry is a charming nook with a bay window seat and lovely period lighting.

The spacious living room offers a bay window seat and natural light from lovely multi-pane windows. The room flows to the formal dining room with gas-log fireplace, a third bay window seat and original lead glass built-in china cabinet.

The kitchen offers a charming dining area with gas-log fireplace. The room opens to a patio and terraced rear grounds.

The first level is complete with a most charming powder room with marble flooring and pedestal sink.

A period lead and stained glass window opens on the staircase on the way to the second floor landing — large enough for seating.

The expansive master bedroom offers a gas-log fireplace, window seat, recessed lighting and wonderful closets.

The master bedroom opens to a marble master bath with glass multi-head shower, double bowl vanity and a step-up garden jet tub.

The second level offers a second bedroom/den/or sitting room with built-ins and ample closets.

A second stained glass window greets you on a landing to the third level, offering two additional bedrooms and a walk-in closet with both hanging and custom-built-in folded storage.

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— Employer tips to avoid payroll headaches —

(MS) — The economy is on the rise and small businesses are to thank. More than half a million new small businesses open each year in the United States, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Small businesses represent 99.7 percent of all employers, employ half of all private sector employees and pay more than 40 percent of all U.S. private payroll.

If you're setting out to start your own business, you'll have a lot of issues to deal with — hiring a staff, finding an office space, securing clientele, and managing payroll, among other things. These tips will help you stay in control as a new employer in the new year:

- * Understand your responsibilities as an employer. Before you can pay your first employee, you need to register yourself as a new employer with the IRS and state employment agency, report your new hires to the state, accurately

withhold taxes and deductions from your employees' paychecks, as well as deposit and file federal, state and local taxes throughout the year. It's easier to start off on the right foot than try to go back to fix things retroactively.

- * Take advantage of free resources. You don't have to spend a lot of time and money to get up to speed on what's involved. Attend meetings at your local small business organization, such as the Chamber of Commerce. The Internet is another source of free information.

At a site like www.freepayroll101.com operated by PayCycle, you'll learn everything you need to know about being a new employer, without all the jargon. There's a free 10-page Payroll 101 Guide that summarizes the 68-page IRS Circular E laws. And, free paycheck calculators can help you with what-if scenarios.

- * Secure a trusted adviser. Doing payroll on your own can

lead to headaches and financial penalties. A do-it-yourself payroll solution such as PayCycle.com will prevent those problems. The easy-to-use service walks you step-by-step through everything you need to know to stay on top of payroll, including instant paycheck calculations, paycheck printing on pre-printed or blank check stock, e-mail reminders for upcoming payroll deadlines, and customer support with payroll experts who can quickly resolve issues.

One out of three small businesses is penalized by the IRS each year for missed payments and/or inaccurate withholdings. With penalty fees as high as \$1,200, you're better off trusting a reputable partner. Ask your accountant if he or she can help with your payroll. Or, better still, save yourself a lot of hassle with easy-to-use tools such as PayCycle.com.

- * Don't overlook contractors.

Even if you're just hiring contractors that aren't subject to payroll tax regulations, you are still responsible for giving them Form 1099-MISC at the end the year, and for reporting their payments to the IRS. PayCycle.com lets you electronically file up to 100 1099-MISC forms for a flat \$20 fee. You can print contractor copies on blank paper from your printer. You can even pay contractors at the same time you pay employees with PayCycle Payroll Plus, the company's most popular service.

Being a new employer is an exciting time. By taking the time at the onset of your business' launch to make sure your payroll is in good hands, you can save yourself hassles later on. For help on how to get set up as a new employer, and to access free valuable tools such as the Payroll 101 Guide, call (866) 729-2925 to speak to a payroll expert or visit www.freepayroll101.com.

— Writing is key to workplace success —

(MF) — Are you looking for the right skills to get ahead in your career?

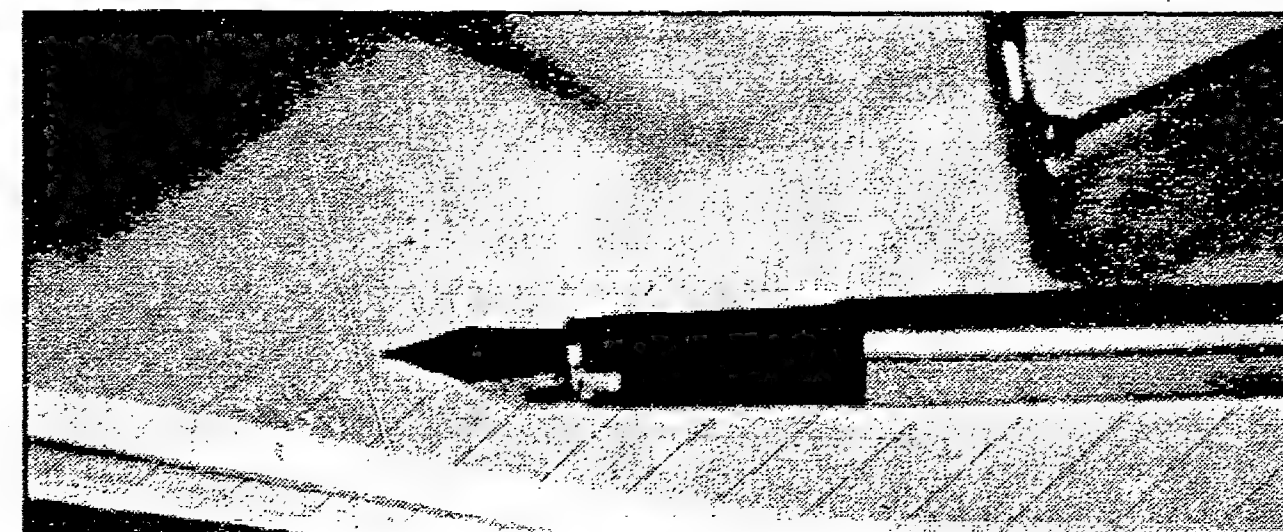
A recent survey of America's top businesses reveals that being able to write well is essential for success, especially in industries that will have the greatest growth in the future.

The report from the National Commission on Writing for America's Families, Schools, and Colleges shows that poorly written job applications can be the kiss of death.

The survey also found that computer technology plays an important role in writing and the workplace.

"With the fast pace of today's electronic communications, one might think that the value of fundamental writing skills has diminished in the workplace," said Joseph M. Tucci, president and CEO of EMC Corporation.

"Actually, the need to write



clearly and quickly has never been more important than in today's highly competitive, technology-driven global economy."

The National Commission on Writing asked members of the Business Roundtable, a group of business leaders from more than 150 top American corporations, how important writing really is in the workplace.

Half of the companies reported that they take writing into consideration when hiring.

That figure jumped to 80 per-

cent among the companies in the services and finance, insurance, and real estate sectors — or FIRE — the corporations with greatest employment growth potential.

"Applicants who provide poorly written letters wouldn't likely get an interview," one insurance executive explained.

Corporations spend more than \$3 billion annually trying to improve employees' poor writing skills.

Being able to write well may also help workers make the leap

from hourly pay to professional, salaried positions.

Two-thirds of salaried employees in large American companies have some writing responsibility, compared to smaller percentages among hourly employees.

"People unable to express themselves clearly in writing limit their opportunities for professional, salaried employment," said Bob Kerrey, president of New School University in New York and chair of the commission.

The commission, a group of education and business leaders from across the country, is pushing for a stronger focus on the teaching of writing at all grade levels from kindergarten through college. This advice also applies to those who are already out of school.

"You're never too old to learn," Kerrey advises. "It's a skill that is acquirable."

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- Penn Hills Progress
- The Advance Leader
- Plum Advance Leader
- Times Express
- Woodland Progress
- Norwin Star
- Murrysville Star
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ESTATE NOTICES

CUMPTSON, WALTER

Estate of Cumpton, Walter Allen, deceased, Allegheny County, No. 06924 of 2005. Letters of Testamentary on his estate were granted to the undersigned who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to decedent to make payment without delay to: Janet C. Cumpton, Adm., 11 Eble Avenue, Coraopolis, PA 15108 or to M. Elizabeth Williams, Esq., 108 Lexington Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15215. (370233, 11-30, 12-7, 12-14-05)

ESTATE NOTICE

TRUNZO, NATALE

Estate of Trunzo, Natale, deceased of Moon Township, Allegheny County No. 01869 of 2004. Letter of administration of her estate were granted to the undersigned who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to decedent to make payment without delay to: Matilda Trunzo, Extr., 250 Jenny Lynn Drive, Moon Twp., PA 15108 or to M. Elizabeth Williams, Esq., 108 Lexington Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15215. (370233, 11-30, 12-7, 12-14-05)

Esq.
108 Lexington Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15215
(370775, 12-07, 12-14-05, 12-21-05)

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MEETING NOTICES

FINDLAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC HEARING

The Findlay Township Board of Supervisors will consider the Tentative Application for a Planned Residential Development of Sahista Development, Inc. for construction of 55 town house and twin dwelling units on 9.40 acres of land with 5.9 acres of open space on Main Street in the Village (VLD) Zoning District. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. during the Board of Supervisors regular meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Findlay Township Municipal Building, located at 1271 Route 30, Clinton, PA.

Gary J. Klingman
Township Manager
(3068849, 11-30, 12-07-05)

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MEETING NOTICES

FINDLAY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

The previously advertised and scheduled Workshop Meeting of the Findlay Township Municipal Authority set for Saturday, December 10, 2005, which was scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM has been changed. The meeting date will be December 12, 2005 and will begin at 6:00 PM.

(3076547, 12-07-05)

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MEETING NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

NEVILLE TOWNSHIP Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board

The Neville Township Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board will hold a hearing on December 14, 2005 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building. The hearing is called at the request of the Paradise Island/Corpen Bowling Lanes at 7601 Grand Avenue, Neville Island for the purpose to request relief from the Building Code requirement to install sprinkler heads in the bowling lanes.

Henry Miller, Solicitor
UCC Appeals Board
(3077420, 12-07, 12-14-05)

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MEETING NOTICES

NEVILLE TOWNSHIP LEAVE NOTICE 2006 Budget

The Neville Township board of Commissioners will be holding a Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 28, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Building. The purpose of this meeting to adopt the 2006 Neville Township Budget. Any interested parties are invited to attend.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public review daily at the Neville Township Municipal Building until December 28, 2005.

Denise Moore
Township Secretary
(3077529, 12-07-05)

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MEETING NOTICES

NEVILLE TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE

The Neville Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a Hearing at the request of Ronald Rokicki, d/b/a Rokicki Auto Service, is requesting a variance under Permitted Uses: Mr. Rokicki would like to put an auto repair shop on the property.

The Hearing will be held on Thursday, December 29, 2005 at 7:00 PM.

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Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the recission of the Cooperative Agreement by and among Northwest Regional Communications and other adjoining municipalities and aing inconsistent ordinances.

Maleet Gordon
Borough Secretary
(3077768, 12-07-05)

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MEETING NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

OSBORNE BOROUGH 2006 MEETING DATE NOTICE

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Maleet Gordon, Borough Secretary
(306810A, 11-30, 12-07-05)

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MEETING NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Borough of Sewickley Heights

William P. Rohe
Borough Manager/Secretary
(3071253, 11-30, 12-07-05)

Vacation Getaways

7719 Motels/Hotels

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Hotel \$89 for 2 persons. Singles \$84. Suites \$99-\$119. Lincoln Ctr Area, Hudson River Views, 18 Floors, Kitchenette, 5 Minutes to Midtown, Safe, Quiet Area. Riverside Tower, Riverside & 80th. Free Brochure. 800-724-3136. www.riversidetowerhotel.com

7729 Vacation Homes

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15, 2005 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal building. All persons interested in said hearing are invited to be present at the above time and place and you will have an opportunity to be heard.

Walter London
Chairman
(3077438, 12-07, 12-14-05)

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(306810A, 11-30, 12-07-05)

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The Borough of Sewickley Heights

William P. Rohe
Borough Manager/Secretary
(3071253, 11-30, 12-07-05)

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CORPORATE NOTICES

EXTRA SPACE STORAGE

110 KISOW DRIVE
PITTSBURGH, PA 15205
412-921-6060

The personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

Unit # Name
105 Donald Galloway Jr.
124 Daniel Bishop
171 Candy Wolfe
273 Deanna Coffman
364 Gilbert Millstone
397 Mary Blatz
425 James D'Alessandro

Purchases must be paid for at time of purchase in cash only. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party bidding on December 15, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.

(3065705, 11-30, 12-07-05)

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GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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GOVERNMENT NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS NOTICE OF ORDINANCE PROPOSED FOR ENACTMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Borough of Sewickley Heights intends to enact the following Ordinance at its regular meeting to be held at 4:30 P.M. in the Borough Hall, Country Club Road, on Monday, December 19, 2005.

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GOVERNMENT NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 258

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING ORDINANCE 141 AS HERETOFORE AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION AND REGULATION OF A PENSION PROGRAM FOR FULL TIME, NON-POLICE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

The proposed Ordinance:

(a) Provides that the Ordinance shall be known as the Sewickley Heights Borough General Pension Ordinance, and sets forth certain definitions to be used therein;

(b) Provides for the administration of the General Pension Plan by a Committee to be appointed by Borough Council, sets forth powers, duties, organization, and operation of the Committee and records to be kept thereby, provides for the payment of expenses of the Committee, and defines the liability of the Committee;

(c) Sets forth terms and conditions of the Plan, including without limitation, vesting, partial retirement benefits, eligibility for and amount of normal retirement benefits, compulsory retirement, and notice requirements;

(d) Provides for the return of accumulated contributions in the event of employment termination and sets forth the manner and amount of contributions by the participants and the Borough;

(e) Sets forth requirements for accounting and provides for the transfer

of providing benefits under prior ordinances to the fund created under this Ordinance, and provides for the application of contributions, gifts, and bequests and the like;

(f) Provides for amendment and termination of the Plan, and for distribution upon termination;

(g) Provides for compliance with certain non-discrimination, maximum benefits, and other Internal Revenue Service requirements as applicable from time to time;

(h) Authorizes the creation of a trust agreement or custodial agreement; and

(i) Describes certain of the legal rights and responsibilities of participants, the Borough, a Trustee, a Custodian, the Committee and others associated with the Plan.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance may be examined by any interested party in the office of the Borough of Sewickley Heights during regular business hours.

BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS

William P. Rohe
Borough Manager
(3076010, 12-07-05)

BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE PROPOSED FOR ENACTMENT

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ORDINANCE NO. 259

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, AND it is hereby ordained and enacted by the Council of the Borough of Sewickley Heights, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

SECTION 1. That a Tax be and the same is hereby levied on all property within such Borough subject to taxation for Borough purposes, for the fiscal year 2006, as follows:

The tax rate for general Borough purposes is the sum of three and 75/100 (3.75) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, thereby making a total tax rate for all Borough purposes of three and 75/100 (3.75) mills.

SECTION 2: That a discount of two percent (2%) be and the same hereby is accorded to all taxpayers who pay such Tax within two (2) months after the date of the Tax Notice; that a penalty of ten percent (10%) be and the same hereby is charged against all taxpayers who fail to pay such Tax within four (4) months after the date of the Tax Notice; and, that interest be and the same hereby is charged against all delinquent taxpayers to the fullest extent permitted by law.

SECTION 3: That the amount of bond of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Manager shall remain as heretofore fixed for each until further action by Council.

SECTION 4: That any ordinance, or part of an ordinance, conflicting with this Ordinance be and the same hereby is repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS

William P. Rohe
Borough Manager
(3076298, 12-07-05)

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO

The Aleppo Township Board of Commissioners herein advise its intent to adopt the following Ordinance at a regularly scheduled legislative meeting for the Board of Commissioners to be held on Monday, December 19, 2005 beginning at 7 PM at the Aleppo Township Municipal Building, 100 North Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143.

An ordinance of the Township of Aleppo, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania fixing and re-enacting the real estate tax rate for the year 2006 imposing discounts, penalties and interest thereon.

A public hearing will be held during the regular legislative meeting of the Aleppo Township Board of Commissioners on the date and time herein above stated.

The ordinance in full text is available for inspection at the Township Offices, 100 North Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143 during regular business hours.

Martha B. Rogers
Township Secretary
(3077895, 12-07-05)

BUDGET NOTICE

North Fayette Township

North Fayette Townships proposed 2006 Budget will be available for public inspection beginning Wednesday, December 7, 2005.

Residents can review the budget from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the North Fayette Township Municipal Building, 400 North Branch Road, Oakdale, PA 15071.

The Board of Supervisors will consider the budget for adoption in a meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 27, 2005. State law requires municipal budgets to be adopted no later than December 31, 2005.

Robert T. Grimm
Township Manager
(3077097, 12-07-05)

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO

The Aleppo Township Board of Commissioners invite residents of the Township to make application for vacancies on the following Boards, Commission & Authorities:

Planning Commission 4 Year Term

Township Authority 5 Year Term

Zoning Hear Board 3 Year Term

Vacancy Board 1 Year Term

Emergency Management Coordinator - No Term

Resumes will be accepted

OSBORNE BOROUGH 2006 PROPOSED BUDGET AND MILLAGE RATE

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Borough of Osborne has reviewed the tentative 2006 budget at its regular meeting that was held on November 15, 2005. Summary of the major categories of planned expenditures follows:

General Fund	\$ 83,990
Administration	\$ 31,500
Public Safety	\$124,175
Public Works	\$370,250
Total Expenditures	\$609,915

A copy of the entire proposed 2006 budget is available at the Borough Office, Sewickley Municipal Building, 601 Thorn Street, Sewickley from 9:00 until 5:00 on normal business days.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. December 20, 2005 in the Osborne Elementary School Building to receive oral and written comments in regarding the proposed budget prior to final approval.

Further notice is hereby given that the Osborne Borough Council intends to enact Ordinance 377 setting the real estate millage for 2006. The entire ordinance is available for public inspection at the Borough Office.

Maleet Gordon, Borough Secretary

(308174, 12-07-05)

TOWNSHIP OF ROBINSON ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES DECEMBER 31, 2004

ASSETS	
Cash	\$2,586,173
Investments	5,822,542
Other Receivables	1,138,614
Delinquent and Liened Real Estate Taxes Receivable	1,087,416
Total Assets	\$10,635,045

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 405,434
Deferred Revenue	2,231,883
Other Liabilities	439,142
Total Liabilities	2,076,459

Fund Balances - Reserved	6,300,224
Fund Balances - Unreserved	2,231,883
Total Fund Balances	\$8,532,107
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$10,635,045

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL FUND TYPES - YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

Revenues and other Financing Sources	
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 3,393,541
Other Taxes	2,818,998
Licenses and Permits	179,207
Fines and Forfeits	76,272
Interest, Rents and Royalties	558,054
Intergovernmental	925,972
Charges for Services	420,444
Miscellaneous	774,331
Other Financing Sources	285,000
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	9,440,419
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	
Governmental	2,147,348
Public Safety	2,451,305
Health & Welfare	3,300
Public Works	1,761,001
Culture - Recreation	488,388
Conservation and Development	6,823
Debt Service	626,532
Miscellaneous	416,559
Other Financing Uses	285,000
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	8,196,256
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$1,244,163
Fund Balance - January 1, 2004	\$7,347,944
Fund Balance - December 31, 2004	\$8,592,107

BONDS AND CAPITAL LEASE PAYABLE

At December 31, 2004, the Township had bonds and capital lease payable of:	
Issue	Rate
06/10/03	2015
04/25/01	2030
	Various
	\$3,045,000
	\$4,760,000
	\$7,805,000

ASSESSED VALUATION

The assessed valuation of the taxable property in the Township of Robinson for the year ended December 31, 2004 was \$1,353,513,964.

NOTICE OF AUDITOR'S REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROBINSON
The above concise financial statements were prepared to comply with the Township Code and consequently do not conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

HOSACK, SPECHT, MUETZEL & WOOD LLP

(3078136, 12-07-05)

3005 FOR SALE

BALDWIN - Just Reduced! \$76,000. Remodeled, Move In Condition, 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Will Consider Rent To Own (\$75 Mo + Utilities) On Bus Line, 8 Minutes From South Side. 412-255-6413

BLAWNOX - 2 Bedroom Ranch, Fully Refurbished, Includes Adjacent Lot, \$119,000. 412-826-1675

JEFFERSON HILLS - Beautiful 2 Story, 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 2 Car Garage, Finished Gameroom, New Carpet \$177,000 Best Offer 412-650-4054

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MONROEVILLE - All Brick, 1.5 Story, Everything Up-dated, Move In Condition With Home Warranty, \$109,900 Northwest Realty, Mike Poeslitt 412-831-0100 X 232

OAKMONT - 1 Bed, 1 1/2 Bath, 1st Floor, Condo, All on 1 Floor, Indoor Heated Pool, Gym, On-Site Parking, Party Room, Must See! \$110,000 412-828-0470

PITCAIRN - 3 Unit, Excellent Condition, New Electric & Plumbing, Nice Corner Lot, \$49,900 724-396-4355

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FIRST TIME BUYERS - Why rent when you can own? Free list of homes available with no money down, under \$1000/month. Free Recorded message, 1-877-300-5923 ID#2002 Keller Williams Realty

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SEWICKLEY - 2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, Townhome, End Unit, Lg. Yard, 2 Bed, 1 1/2 Bath, Equipped Kitchen, w/ or w/out Laundry, All Appliances, Air, Family, Living, Dining Deck, Ceramic Close to Turnpike, 28 & Mills, No Pets or Smoking, Security Deposit Credit, References, For Rent \$700+ Utilities or For Sale \$90,000. 724-335-0574

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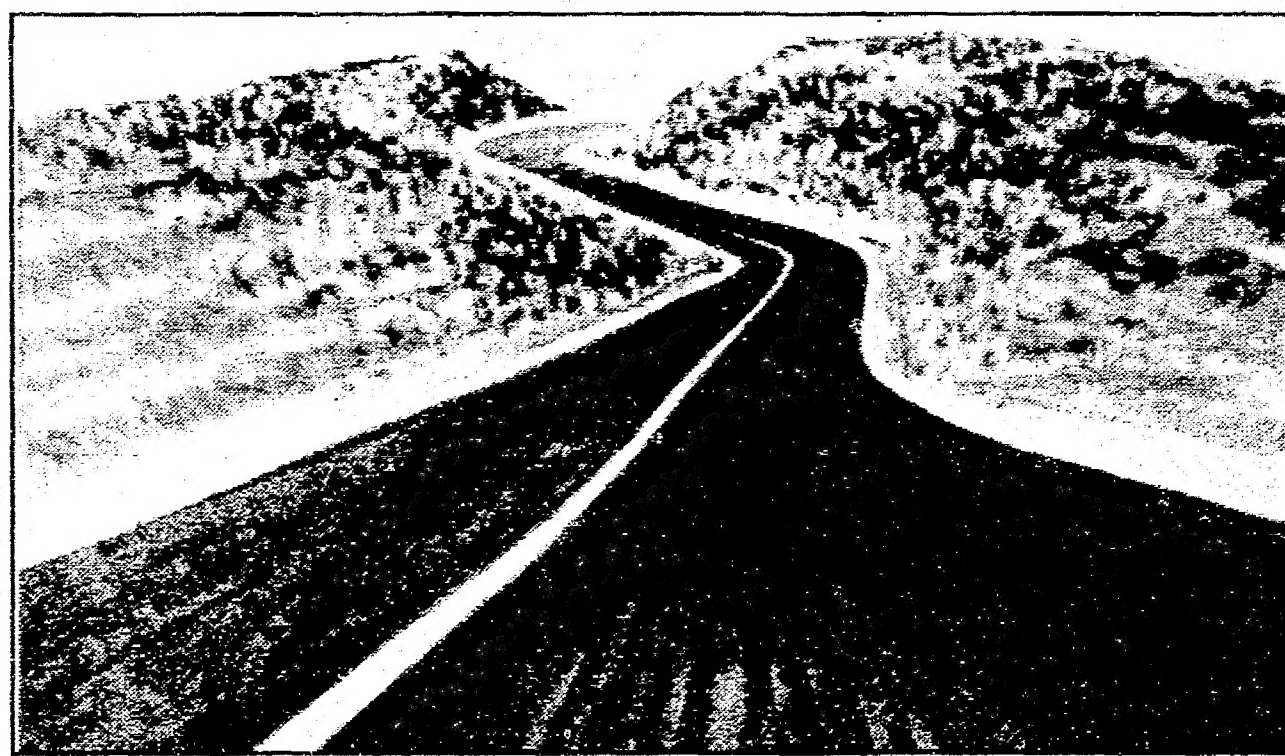
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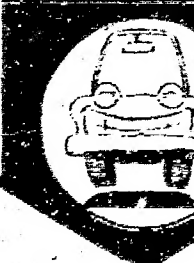
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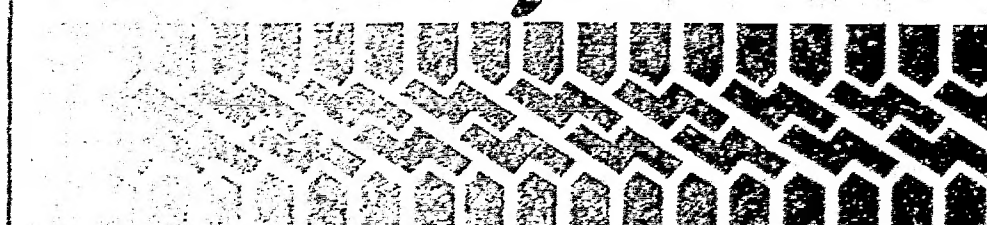
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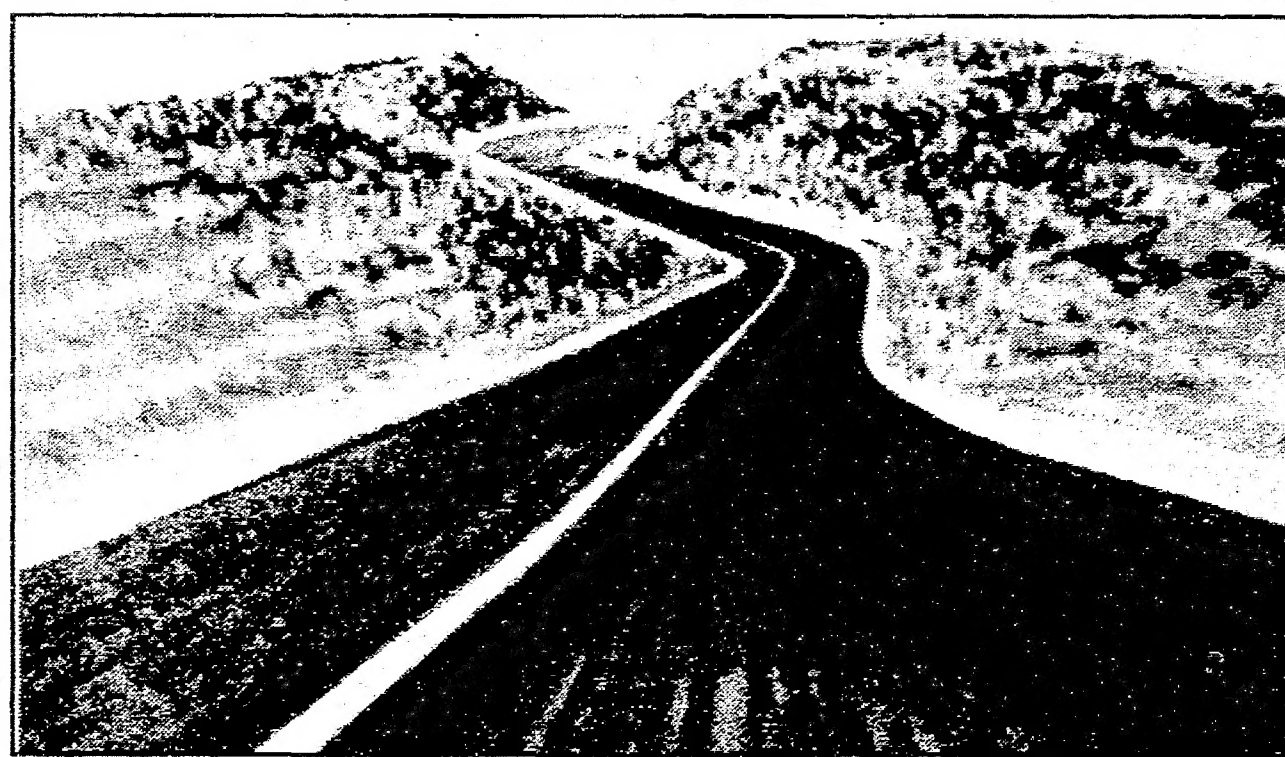
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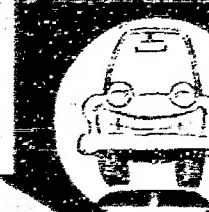
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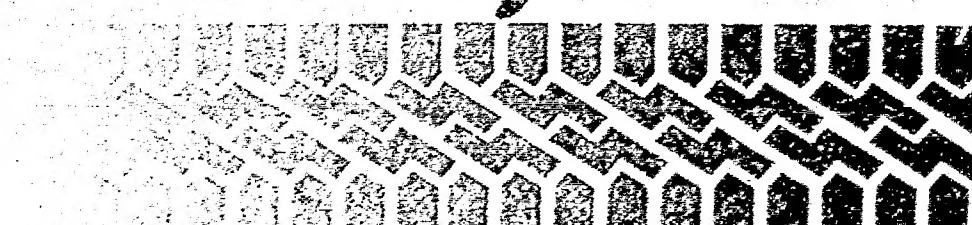
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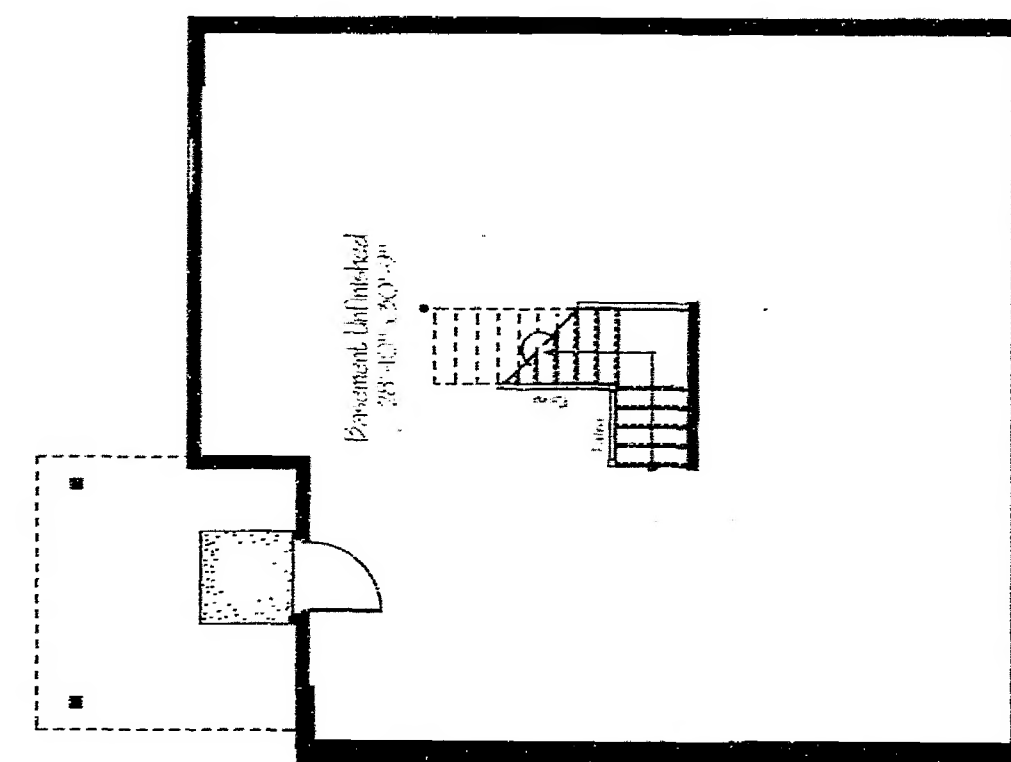
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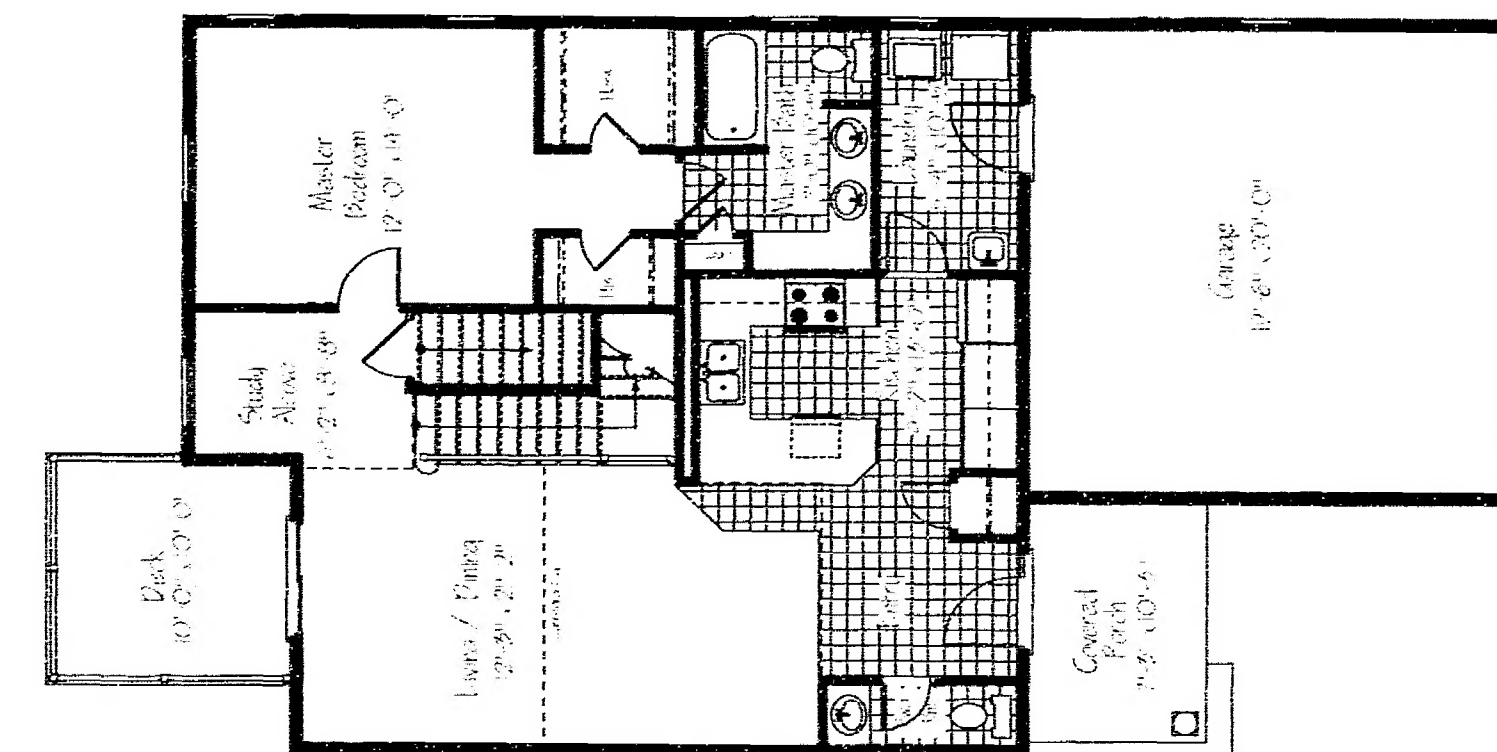
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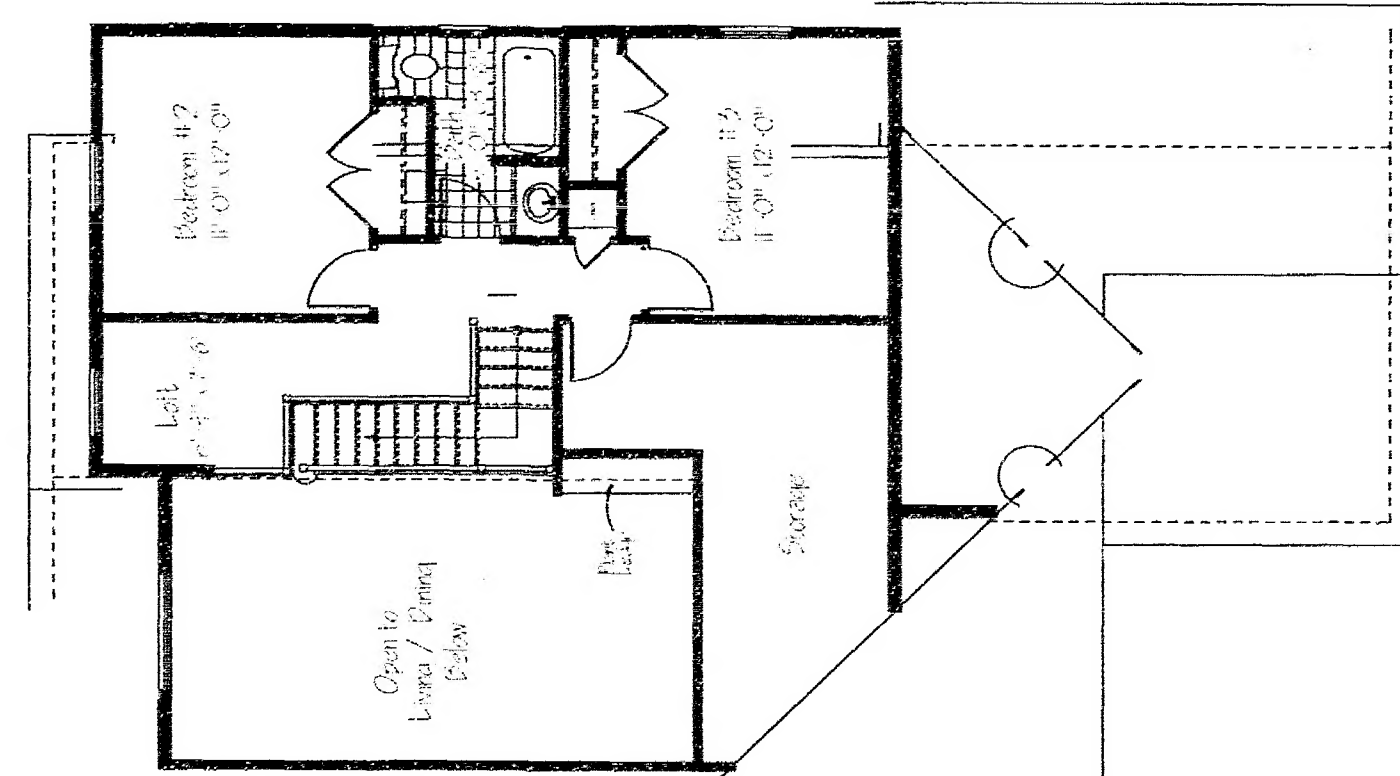


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First Floor



Second Floor

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